

READING EAGLE P.M. EDITION

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1993

PRICE: 15¢

TELEPHONE: 376-0303

Revelation of HIV case controversial

■ Judge's remarks in open court prompt protest from Berks AIDS Network.

By Holly Herman

Staff Writer

The Berks AIDS Network raised concerns Tuesday after Judge Scott D. Keller revealed in Berks County Court that a convicted thief is HIV positive.

Family members were upset after they found out — for the first time — from Keller in court that their relative is HIV positive, according to network officials.

Network officials said they do not believe if a person is HIV positive or has the AIDS virus that it should be part of public court records.

Alan G. Penna, network executive director, said he plans to contact the Berks County Board of Judges to discuss the issue.

The state AIDS confidentiality law says that identities of people with HIV and AIDS cannot be revealed unless the individual provides written consent, according to network representatives.

Penna said he is uncertain if Keller violated the law.

District Attorney Mark C. Baldwin said he is not certain if Keller disclosed in open court if an individual has the AIDS virus or is HIV positive.

Keller said the issue came up during a routine sentencing hearing because the defendant's lawyer, Assistant Public Defender John E. Garner, asked Keller to recommend his client for boot camp instead of jail.

Keller said the HIV information was written on the defendant's

report prepared by the adult probation department.

The reports contain background on the defendants and are used by judges to help in determining appropriate sentences.

Keller said it was the first time anyone who is HIV positive had requested to be in boot camp.

"I did it as part of the sentencing process," Keller said. "It would not have come up if his attorney did not ask for him to be considered for boot camp."

The judge agreed to recommend the defendant for boot camp, but was uncertain if he was eligible.

The state allows individuals with the AIDS virus or those who are HIV positive in the last stages, and that have been sentenced to the state Correctional Institution.

Keller said he has turned away a work in which defendants have the AIDS virus and in some instances it is brought up in court.

Deborah L. McClean, director of client services at the network, said the family members were very upset because they had heard for the first time in court that the defendant was HIV positive.

McClean said she plans to contact the family members and the defendant to decide if there will be a further course of action.

"I am upset that his HIV status was revealed in court," McClean said. "This is not the first time it has happened. We do not want HIV status to be a part of public record."

Baldwin, a member of the Reading-Berks County HIV-AIDS Consortium, a community group that studies AIDS issues, acknowledged the network contacted him for advice.

Seven unrelated murders



7 murders unsolved; aid sought

■ The unrelated slayings, all in the past year, have left a feeling of discomfort on the parts of both the police and the public.

By Holly Herman

Staff Writer

Berks County law enforcement authorities are seeking help from the community in solving seven disturbing murders in which victims are young.

District Attorney Mark C. Baldwin Tuesday emphasized that these cases, all within the last year, are very difficult to solve and that state and city police are doing everything they can to resolve them.

"I can't fault the police," Baldwin said. "They are doing a terrific job. Police dig and dig to try to get to the truth."

"Do not consider them involved cases. We consider them as active investigations."

Law enforcement authorities said the seven homicides are not related. In the same time frame, city police made arrests in three murders. Five defendants from these cases are awaiting trial in Berks County Court.

The unsolved cases involve four homicides in the city and three elsewhere in the county, including the recent death of a newborn who was found at Kutztown University.

The district attorney said all the cases are difficult to solve because there are no witnesses and little physical evidence.

"A lot of times when crimes are committed in secret, there are no witnesses," Baldwin said. "The police turn to the community for information. Police encourage the community to provide information."

Baldwin said that in two other murder cases that were resolved this year, there were witnesses.

Baldwin said the investigation of the deaths of the unidentified newborn, found Feb. 16 in a trash container at Kutztown University, and the Feb. 13 rape case are awaiting trial in Berks County Court.

On 7 murders, Page A7 D



A Somali boy throws a stone at a U.S. Marine assault vehicle today during rioting in Mogadishu. Rioters shouted, "America out of Somalia."

At least 9 dead in Somalia riot

■ U.S. troops shoot protesters trying to storm the U.S. Embassy in Mogadishu; Egyptian Embassy is stormed and looted.

From our news service

MOGADISHU, Somalia — U.S. troops in Somalia killed at least nine people during rioting by thousands of supporters of warlord Mohamed Farah Aidid today, witnesses said.

The troops shot and killed protesters who tried to storm the U.S. Embassy in the capital of Mogadishu, the witnesses said.

In Washington, spokesmen for the State Department and the Pentagon said they had no immediate information on the reported deaths in Mogadishu.

Angry youths shouting "America out of Somalia" rioted as coalition troops fired into the air and moved in assault vehicles in a vain attempt to disperse the protesters, who pelted them with rocks and built barricades of burning tires and debris on a boulevard.

A U.S. military spokesman said Marines at a checkpoint killed a Somali and wounded two others being fired upon. The spokesman also said a Marine corporal was hospitalized after being hit in the leg by shrapnel from a grenade blast, apparently during the storming and looting of the Egyptian Embassy.

Journalists said they saw at least three wounded protesters being taken away by other demonstrators.

Despite the worst violence since inter-

naional forces landed in December, U.N. officials went ahead with two-day talks to prepare for a national reconciliation conference next month.

"I counted three bodies, including the teen-ager killed in morning clashes in the city," said Reuters Television cameraman Mohamed Shafii, who briefly ventured into the Somali capital echoing with gunfire throughout the day.

Somali driver Abdi Aden Ibrahim, who tried to drive to the U.S. Embassy but was prevented by hundreds of angry Aidid supporters trying to storm the building, quoted Somalia there as saying at least six people had been gunned down by U.S. forces.

On 9 dead, Page A7 D

GOP official wants plea withdrawn in exposure case

■ Defendant charged in sting operation is a vice president with Meridian Bancorp.

From our news staff

The deputy chairman of the Republican State Committee has filed an appeal asking Lancaster County Court to withdraw his plea in an exposure case, saying he pleaded guilty only to avoid embarrassing publicity.

Blaise A. Brown, 34, of Nonhem Township, Lancaster County, who

also is vice president of human resources for Berks County-based Meridian Bancorp Inc. and vice chairman of trustees at Millersville University, was charged following a police sting operation into homosexual activity in public places.

Brown was among 22 men charged for alleged offenses committed in Lancaster at Long's Park or in

a men's room at the Park City Center mall, according to investigators.

Lancaster police said the investigations were carried out from Jan. 11-18 as a result of complaints from part and mail managers.

Investigators accused Brown of an exposure incident in a men's room at the Park City Center in front of a plastic-covered investigator.

Brown subsequently paid a \$300 fine and counsel at the office of District Justice David James after pleading guilty to a summary charge of indecency.

However, he claimed in the appeal that he pleaded guilty only because he thought that, by doing so, he could avoid embarrassing publicity.

He also said he did not have a lawyer when he entered the plea.

Brown became deputy chairman of the state committee in 1988. He was a delegate to the Republican National Convention in August.

Steven Gible, chairman of the Republican State Committee, has asked Brown to resign or take a leave of absence.

COMING TOMORROW

A barnstorming adventure
Dr. Robert F. Emmeringer of Lancasterville has barnstormed through states and Europe to find out if the "Pennsylvania ban" originated in America or if the idea came from Europe.
Coming Thursday in the Lifestyle section.

INSIDE TODAY

Canadian leader resigns position
After eight years in office, Canadian Prime Minister Brian Mulroney resigns at a meeting of the Conservative Party today. He will stay in office until the party chooses a new leader in several months.
Page A3

WEATHER

THURSDAY:
Mostly sunny
Details on Page A2

INDEX

Today's editions: 4 sections

Advice	C2	Crosswords	C8	Literary	A2
Berksh Beyond	B1	C12	C12	Obituaries	C6
Bridge	C8	Daily digest	B3	People	A1
Business	A10	Editorials	B6	Police log	B6
Classified	C7	Entertainment	D1	Sports	D1
Comics	D8	Horoscopes	D6	State news	B6
Community log	B2	Lifestyle	C1	Television	A15

English Language category list.....Page C5
© 1993 Reading Eagle Company. All Rights Reserved.
FOR HOME DELIVERY, CALL 376-0303

infection
warranted
24 or Double-Hour
Emergency Service

Inspected Beef
To A Poultry
City Health
Jude
(for Details)

TO

**ALL VARIETIES
AND SPECIAL
CUTS INCLUDED**

55¢

19¢

\$5.99

\$2.99

rgs Pkg.

0000370

0000590

0003080

0003100

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 23, 1993

If you have a news tip, call 371-5000
Night city editors: Nicholas E. Yost, 371-5000
Day city editors: Deborah M. Smith, 371-5000

STEVEN D. SACHETTA

Awareness may spare tragic end

A solitary shot is fired, perhaps from behind a closed or locked door, splitting the dead calm throughout a room darkened by darkness.

Another cry for help has evidently gone unheard and unanswered.

And adding insult to fatal, self-inflicted injury is that the significance of this act more than likely will be shrouded off by many as just one more unfortunate statistic.

After all, it's often said that death is a part of life. And suicide is one of the more tragic means to this end.

But it's even sadder when people in the spring and summer of their lives choose this drastic measure when unable to brace themselves against transitory winters of discontent.

For differing reasons, variations of this disturbing scenario have already been played out in Berks County four times during this young year.

Between Jan. 10 and Feb. 17, a pair of 10-year-olds and two men ages 22 and 31 have died by their own hands through gunshot to the head.

Reportedly, they either couldn't bear to be around people, living in a state of severe depression or were devastated by a severed relationship.

Almost an disconcerting, authorities say, is that three other youthful members of the Berks community have tried to take their lives via overdoses of pills since the beginning of this year.

Sadly, these grim reports are nothing new.

During 1992, suicide was second only to accidental injury as the leading cause of death in Berks among people ages 5 to 34, according to statistics from the State Health Data Center in Harrisburg. It was fifth for those between 25 and 44.

Throughout Pennsylvania, it was the third leading killer of the 5-34 group and fourth between 25- and 44-year-olds. More current statistics were unavailable.

Increased awareness about the problem is a healthy first step toward stemming this unhealthy tide.

According to *The Good Health Fact Book*, possible warning signs of people contemplating suicide include social withdrawal, talk of death, giving away treasured possessions and even the return of a cheerful or calm demeanor.

People who have decided on suicide may feel relief because they believe they have finally resolved their problems, the authors say.

"The risk of suicide is greater when a person seems to be rebounding from a deep depression," according to the text.

Equally as important, though, is knowing how to help.

One form of aid is a 24-hour, toll-free suicide prevention hot line, listed in the Yellow Pages.

Other assistance should come from parents, friends, educators, health-care professionals, clergy and society at large, said Maria Peck, executive director of the Berks Mental Health Association, West Reading.

This may involve listening to an individual or taking him or her to qualified medical personnel if stronger guidance is needed, again according to *The Good Health Fact Book*.

But above all, the authors point out, communication is key in helping troubled people bring out their conflicts by slowly opening those closed or locked doors.

And allowing enough light to slip in through the cracks.

Steven D. Sachetta is an *Eagle/ Times* reporter. His column appears every other Wednesday in the *Reading Eagle* and *Reading Times*.

BERKS & BEYOND

© 1992 Reading Eagle Company. All Rights Reserved.

Charges urged in cable caper

The district attorney wants Berks County Prison officials to bring charges against inmate Frank M. Saffioti, who masterminded the illegal cable hookup of televisions in 10 rooms in the jail.

By Dave Mowery
Staff Writer

Frank M. Saffioti could receive more than a bill for his cable television enterprise.

District Attorney Mark C. Baldwin on Tuesday recommended Berks County Prison officials file summary charges against Saffioti for illegally connecting televisions to 10 rooms.

Baldwin said Warden George A. Wagner would be responsible for filing the citations in the office of District Justice Thomas H. Conley Jr.

Wagner, who was arrested last week by the prison board in taking whatever action is appropriate, was unavailable for comment. The warden previously said he believes charges should be filed against Saffioti, who is in prison on pending charges.

Baldwin said the appropriate charges would be theft of services and criminal mischief.

"The person on the street doesn't have the right to illegally hook up cable service, and this man tried to get away with it in the county prison," Baldwin said.

A prison investigation determined Saffioti masterminded the plot to improve television reception for 10 inmates who share the rooms in the pre-reception center.

The connections to the underground television cable were made after drilling through the floor of the center.

Officials suspect Saffioti, former operator of Uncle Frank's Pizzeria Shop, 1708 N. Third St., ransacked up the necessary hardware while participating in the work-release program.

Saffioti, who was removed from that program before the connections were found, has been found guilty of violating prison policies and placed in solitary confinement for 30 days.

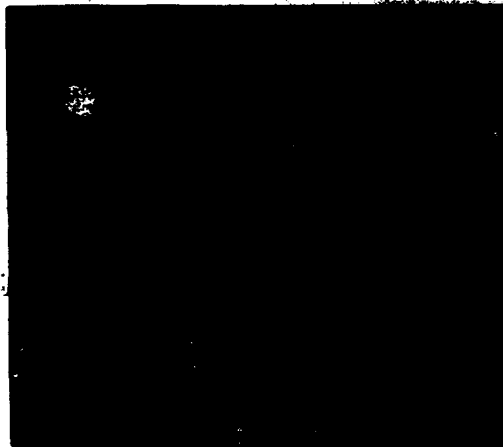
Prison officials also are attempting to determine whether one or two unidentified correctional officers knew Saffioti was tapping into the cable.

Seven or eight other officers have been cited and face prison disciplinary hearings because they did not notice the illegal connections.

Saffioti is in prison serving an 11-to-12-month sentence because he admitted buying stolen items from state troopers between Oct. 13, 1991, and Feb. 27, 1991, in his pizza shop.

He also pleaded guilty to leading a state trooper \$135 at an excessively high interest rate on Oct. 4, 1991.

FRIGID ROOST



A Carolina wren probably can't wait until the ice melts from its perch at the Mohle Forest Environmental Education Center in Cumru.

The rooster is in the County 10 at the northern end of the forest, where the wren, which likes of the cold, is in the roost.

Diana wants to cut staff of attorneys

Other city officials react skeptically to the controller's plan to cut legal fees by using three full-time solicitors in place of the current seven part-timers.

By William Conry
Reporter

City Controller Thomas J. Diana said Tuesday he will turn to the public to push a plan to cut the number of lawyers employed by the city because of high legal fees.

But Diana's plan drew skeptical reactions from other officials, who questioned his motives and whether simply changing to full-time solicitors could produce any savings.

"We're paying too much in legal fees, in my opinion," Diana said in an interview Tuesday. "We paid close to three quarters of a million dollars last year. That's the equivalent of 3 mills in property taxes."

Costs to outside firms last year, he said, approached nearly \$200,000.

Initially, Diana said he would propose that fees to such firms be capped at about \$120,000 a year. However, he later said he would not propose a cap.

Instead, he proposed that three full-time solicitors be hired in place of seven part-time solicitors, with salaries set at \$80,000, \$85,000 and \$90,000.

Making the change, he said, would cut budgeted salaries and benefits for them from nearly \$220,000 to about \$225,000.

He said the real savings would result from hiring solicitors who could do work, such as insurance liability cases, now handled by outside firms.

Diana said he has not discussed his plan with City Council because he does not expect council to support it.

Big-carrier law firms last year, he said, were Stevens & Lee, of Reading, which handled the refinancing and issuance of nearly \$100 million in bonds, \$171,234; Arnold and Porter, of Washington, D.C., which handled the city's federal court challenge to the move of federal offices from Reading to Wyomissing, \$140,000; and Montgomery McCracken Walker & Rhoads, of Philadelphia, which mainly handled city labor cases, \$126,305.

Mayor Warren H. Haggerty Jr., while saying he is not necessarily against using full-time solicitors, angrily challenged as a political ploy Diana's use of last year's fees to support the proposal.

"It is fundamentally a flawed analysis to look only at expenses, and not to simultaneously look at revenues generated and saved," he said. "But if your primary interest is political trenchery or self-aggrandizement, you never look into these things."

In defending the 1992 outside fees, Haggerty said Diana himself called on the city to fight the move of federal offices.

"That unfortunately is a legal issue that is only going to be resolved in federal court," Haggerty said.

Haggerty also said the fees to Stevens & Lee were at least comparable with commercial charges for land-related work.

While Montgomery McCracken received fees for handling city insurance cases through a state municipal insurance program that he said saves the city hundreds of thousands of dollars a year.

Councilwoman Dawn A. Schutt, director of accounts and finance, also expressed doubts about the proposal.

"Anybody can use figures to make their point," Schutt said.

Ex-Steeler ties Scouting to good goals in business

Rocky Bleier tells area community leaders that values youths pick up through the program carry over into their everyday lives.

By George G. Landis
Eagle/Times

Former Pittsburgh Steeler running back Rocky Bleier told more than 700 people Tuesday night that Scouting gives youths a training ground for creating a vision.

Bleier spoke on Scouting and its development of leadership into the business world at the annual leadership membership program sponsored by the Hawk Mountain Council, Boy Scouts of America, in the Sheralon Berkshire, Wyoming.

The dinner is a fund-raiser for business and community leaders who take part in a sustaining membership enrollment campaign supporting programs for Boy and Cub Scouts in Berks and Schuylkill counties.

"Scouting is a great training ground as far as leadership is concerned," said Bleier, 44, who gives motivational talks at seminars full time.

"The thing about leadership is... a person who himself who he wants to get accomplished," Bleier said. "The only difference between leadership and management is how does one accomplish these certain things? We possess both, but it's really a learning skill."

Bleier, who was drafted in 1968 in his rookie year with the Steelers and was wounded in Vietnam, returned to the gridiron after a two-year struggle to overcome battlefield injuries to his left leg and right foot.

He wrote a book, "Fighting Back," which was turned into a made-for-television film.

Bleier became the Steelers' fourth-leading rusher, contributing to four Super Bowl victories.

See Bleier, Page B3

City Council supports conversion of the High Theatre into a performing arts center and studios

City Council supports conversion of the High Theatre into a performing arts center and studios to study the necessary physical improvements.

See Page B4

Faulty communication fuels saga of stolen car

After his car is stolen in Exeter Township, an *Eagle/ Times* reporter finds it in the city. He alerts police and, after a long wait, they arrive — with no official information that the auto had been stolen.

By Bob Charlesza
Eagle/Times

Two midnight beers at the Bowl Grille Restaurant in Exeter Township turned into a mild nightmare last Saturday when my beat-up '82 Mazda GLC was stolen from the underground parking lot.

"Who would want it?" I asked Exeter Patrolman Al Carrasquillo.

"Probably just a joyride, they'll find it in Reading," Carrasquillo said, as he drove me home.

On Monday, Debbi Davis, a secretary for the Exeter police, said in tones of exasperation that I should have hope because other stolen cars have been found intact. She assured me the report of the stolen car went out to all departments.

Armed with another car, I began my own hunt Tuesday, pulling off the bypass at Lancaster Avenue shortly before noon.

My first choice was the Oakbrook Homes project because of something Cap-ranallo had said. It was a good hunch. Within 10 minutes, I found it on Palton Avenue.

A few minutes later, I telephoned 9-1-1 from the Little Brown Jug on Lancaster Avenue.

"What kind of car did you say it was?" asked the grumpy city police desk sergeant with a gravelly voice.

"Not here (on the stolen car list)," he barked. "Guess it's lost in the computer somewhere."

"What block is it on?" he barked.

"I think it's on Palton Avenue and Hancock," I said weakly, wondering if I'd broken some crime-victim's code and would be punished for finding my own stolen car.

"Now, I can't be," he snarled back, and I knew he was right.

"Well, it's just a block up from Hancock," I said.

"Where are you calling from?" he barked.

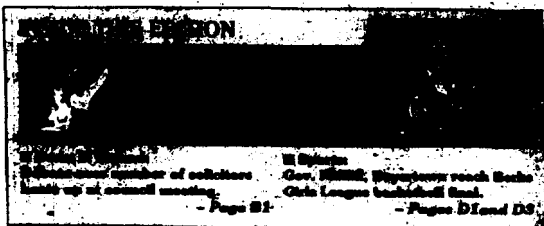
ADAMS EXHIBIT 2
See Page 48
1992-1993
PAGE 48

READING EAGLE P.M. EDITION

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1993

PRICE: 10¢

100 SINGLE COPIES



Students number of collectors...
- Page B2

S&L crooks not paying what they don't have

Plan bargains turned out to be just that for 100 defendants, who have paid only a fraction of the fines they owe for defrauding thrifts.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Former savings and loan executive Woody Rushton opened himself from prison when he agreed in 1990 to a plea bargain that included a \$1 million penalty payment. But both he and prosecutors knew then he didn't have the money to pay up.

And he isn't alone. An Associated Press review of federal court records found 100 defendants in plea bargains who have paid just 9.43% of the fines they owe.

The five defendants with the lowest percentage of fines paid were: a former savings and loan executive who paid just 0.1% of his \$1 million fine; a former savings and loan executive who paid 0.2% of his \$1 million fine; a former savings and loan executive who paid 0.3% of his \$1 million fine; a former savings and loan executive who paid 0.4% of his \$1 million fine; and a former savings and loan executive who paid 0.5% of his \$1 million fine.

At the same time, the Justice Department's former special prosecutor who negotiated the government's plea bargains with the savings and loan crooks, said that the government's plea bargains with the savings and loan crooks were "a lot of money for nothing."

He said that the government's plea bargains with the savings and loan crooks were "a lot of money for nothing."



"There is no way I will ever see a justice dollar," he said, adding he still just \$20,000 a year in a sales commission job. "The restitution orders in these cases are thrown around like there are nickels and dimes involved."

Rushton originally faced 10 years in prison on charges of conspiracy to defraud banks. He pleaded guilty to five years' probation and community supervision. By the time his case was settled in October 1990, he had already lost his Chapter 7 bankruptcy protection.

"They all have I had no money left," he said.

In Washington, the Justice Department's former special prosecutor who negotiated the government's plea bargains with the savings and loan crooks, said that the government's plea bargains with the savings and loan crooks were "a lot of money for nothing."

He said that the government's plea bargains with the savings and loan crooks were "a lot of money for nothing."

Outstanding S&L fines
The government had 100 Savings and Loan defendants in plea bargains agreements. Of those fined, only a small percentage have made some, if any, restitution:

Fines paid \$577,540 9.43%

Outstanding fines \$153,222,460 98.57%

Names; banking institutions prison terms; fines; amount paid:

1. E. Frank Mathews, Puget Sound National Bank, Tacoma, Wash., 3 yrs; \$10,000,000; \$0

2. E. Michael Mathews, Puget Sound National Bank, Tacoma, Wash., 3 yrs; \$10,000,000; \$0

3. David C. Brown, City Federal Savings Bank, Quincy, Ill., 1 yr; \$10,000,000; \$0

4. Larry G. Friedman, Puget Sound National Bank, Tacoma, Wash., 3 yrs; \$10,000,000; \$0

5. James R. Brown, Puget Sound National Bank, Tacoma, Wash., 3 yrs; \$10,000,000; \$0

Upper atmosphere largely above the clouds, but the moon is clearly visible in a clear sky. A small amount of light is visible in the sky, but the moon is clearly visible in a clear sky. The appearance of the moon is clearly visible in a clear sky.

Does moon keep Earth in check?

Scientists say it provides stabilizing influence that makes seasons possible.

By Mark A. Stein
Los Angeles Times

Of all the profound influences on the Earth's delicate climate, from volcanic eruptions to asteroid impacts, scientists now suggest that the most important may be the most unexpected: the moon.

Two French scientists reported in a recent edition of the journal *Nature* that the moon apparently acts as a sort of gravitational "gyroscope" to stabilize the 23-degree tilt of Earth's axis, the slight skew that gives the planet its seasons.

Without the moon, Jacques Laskar and Philippe Robutel of the Bureau des Longitudes in Paris assert that Earth — like the other planets of the inner solar system, Mercury, Venus and Mars — would tilt as much as 90 degrees off vertical.

Vertical is defined as perpendicular to the plane of Earth's orbit around the sun. A radical obliquity, or tilt, of as much as 90 degrees off vertical would be catastrophic because — as other scientists have suggested — a mere 1.5-degree shift in Earth's tilt may have resulted in ice ages.

Carl A. Murray, an astronomer at the University of London, noted elsewhere in *Nature* that a tilt greater than 54 degrees would give the Equator ice masses that the poles "Gives that," he concluded.

New Moon, Page A8 B

AIDS issue up in air

President Judge Pierre G. Schaeffer Jr. says law unclear whether the Constitution or AIDS confidentiality law prevails.

By Emily Herman
Burlington

Whether a judge can reveal in court that a person has AIDS or is HIV positive is an issue that cannot be resolved by "chit-chat," but rather by appropriate judicial proceedings, according to President Judge Pierre G. Schaeffer Jr.

Schaeffer's comments came in response to a controversy involving criticism Tuesday by the *Burlington Free Press* of Judge Schaeffer's ruling in his revealing during a routine sentencing that a defendant was HIV positive.

Schaeffer explained that the Constitution calls for sentencing of defendants to be heard in public.

However, the AIDS confidentiality law says the identities of those with AIDS or HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, cannot be revealed unless the individual provides written consent.

"The law is unclear which prevails," Schaeffer said. "Usually, the Constitution prevails. I envision, if the matter was argued by the appellate courts, the Constitution will prevail over the statute."

Keller had sentenced the defendant to 23 1/2 to 36 months in state prison for a retail theft violation.

The judge commented that the defendant was HIV positive after the defendant's attorney asked if his client could be placed in a boot camp program.

Kimberly Bergalis is scheduled out of Capital Hill in this 1991 photo.

Associated Press

Bergalis urged mandatory AIDS testing legislation before she died.

Keller said his concern was whether the defendant would be healthy enough for boot camp, which calls for strenuous exercise.

His HIV status was provided in a report prepared by the adult probation office that was used to assist the judge in sentencing.

While Schaeffer noted that those reports are confidential, he said judges have discretion in openly discussing information from the reports during court proceedings.

Deborah L. McCloskey, director of client services at the AIDS network, said she hopes Berks judges will establish guidelines for dealing with such cases.

"It's an issue that cannot be resolved by chit-chat," Schaeffer responded. "It must be resolved by the appropriate judicial proceeding."

Friday: Snow
Details on Page A8

Bergalis AIDS infection by dentist is questioned

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A new genetic analysis has called into question government scientists' conclusion that a Florida dentist infected five of his patients.

The analysis found no indication either way on whether the patients were infected by Dr. David Acer in his dental office. Among those believed infected by Acer was Kimberly Bergalis, formerly of Tusculum, a college student who died of AIDS in 1991.

The new research evaluated new genetic samples with a different analytical technique than government scientists employed, and indicated different non-patients for comparison.

The findings suggest that the genetic evidence linking the patients' infections to their dental care is weaker than scientists at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and elsewhere concluded in a report published last May, said Ronald Dooly of Florida State University in Tallahassee.

"We are not saying that the dentist did not infect any or all of the patients. We don't have any more proof that the dentist did," he said in a telephone interview.

Instead, the new data are consistent both with infection by the dentist and with the possibility that some or all patients were infected by another source, he said.

In response, Dr. Harold Jaffe of the CDC said in a telephone interview: "We stand by our conclusion. We still believe that the dentist infected five of his patients."

COMING TOMORROW

Beetles show, coming Saturday

For you '80s fans, the Mahoney Brothers will present their "Long Live the Beetles" show and dance on Saturday at the Fairgrounds Farmer's Market in Marlborough Township. Coming Friday in the Weekend section.

INSIDE TODAY

Hindu leaders arrested in India

Indian police arrest leaders of the main Hindu nationalist party and hundreds of supporters in efforts to stop a boycott rally. Several people, including the president of the opposition party were hospitalized with injuries from the police beating. Page A3

WEATHER

FRIDAY: Snow

Details on Page A8

INDEX

Today's editions: 4 sections

Advice	C2	Crossroads	B4	Lifestyle	C1
Berksh beyond	B1	Crossroads	B4	Lifestyle	C1
Bridge	C4	Crossroads	B4	Lifestyle	C1
Business	A13	Daily digest	B3	People	A16
Classified	C4	Editorials	B6	Police log	B5
Comics	D7	Entertainment	A16	Sports	D1
Community log	B2	Horoscopes	D7	State news	B6

Single Link category list... Page A12

© 1993 Reading Eagle Company. All Rights Reserved.

FOR HOME DELIVERY, CALL 376-0303

JOSEPH N. FARRELL

His roots have fed his faith

No matter where he goes, there's no denying where the Rev. Jacob O. Meyer is from.

He wears his Bethel Township heritage like a neon sign, his simple garb, rosy cheeks, twinkling eyes and soft, accented voice marking him as everybody's Dutch uncle.

Wherever he goes, be it the Caribbean, the Philippines, Africa or the Holy Land, he finds a level of recognition that far exceeds his fame here at home, where the worldwide headquarters of his Amishes of Yahweh is located.

The headquarters is a ramshackle collection of buildings that used to be something else — a couple of motels, a restaurant and a service station — at the German end of Interstate 76 in Bethel Township.

One of these buildings, the former service station, contains WUEK, the Amishers' worldwide shortwave radio station.

The real main office, a large library, a print shop, a mail room, a radio studio, an assembly hall, a school for 30 children from kindergarten through sixth grade, and the Oshades School of Bible, where about 30 students from across the nation and the world study the tenets of Meyer's faith.

The Amishers of Yahweh not only use the old Hebrew name for Jehovah — the Sacred Name — but also respect Christian traditions and practices, including Christmas, instead following the Jewish religious calendar and dietary laws such as avoiding pork.

The idea, Meyer says, is to harmonize the New Testament with the Old, realizing that the Messiah and his early followers were themselves Jews born on purifying Judaism.

Other beliefs include tithing and strict obedience, but the sales pitch does not seem particularly hard.

"I think I have something worth saying," Meyer says. "If people listen, it pleases me."

At a result, Meyer is no Jim Bakker, nor does he ever want to be one.

There are about 15,000 people on the mailing list worldwide, and the annual budget is something over \$500,000. Meyer says, "With every penny being squeezed until Lincoln screams."

That may not be biblical, but it sure is Bethel and Berks County. The radio transmitter, for instance, is a used \$6,000-watt AM rig greatly altered with military surplus and homemade parts to do something it never was intended to do — broadcast shortwave — at a fraction of the cost of buying new.

But that's the way Meyer was raised on the farm — to work hard, waste not and make do.

Married and the father of 10, he still farms — Shalom Farm on Route 163, just down from Strasburg — using organic methods and producing natural cheeses.

Even his faith is the product of hard work. He's no college grad. He had to support himself as a trucker for years.

Yet he reads and writes Hebrew, has edited and published a Bible and researches and writes lengthy scholarly texts in support of his convictions.

Thanks to his shortwave broadcasts — and his recent scheduling on the Nostalgia cable television network Tuesday mornings at 6 — he finally is making a name for himself everywhere, it seems, but here.

Joseph N. Farrell is an *Examiner* Times reporter. His column appears Tuesdays and Thursdays in the *Reading Eagle* and the *Reading Times* and every Sunday in the *Reading Eagle*.

Fees spark clash in council

Discussion of a plan to slash the number of solicitors sets off a verbal fusillade between City Controller Thomas J. Diann and Mayor Warren H. Haggerty Jr.

By Mark Abrams

A heated verbal barrage erupted Wednesday between City Controller Thomas J. Diann and Mayor Warren H. Haggerty Jr. at the conclusion of the weekly City Council meeting, prompting a recess to break up the combatants.

Diann used a series of graphics displayed to the council's access cable channel, which he viewed the meeting, to support his call for the city to hire three full-time solicitors and eliminate its staff of seven part-time attorneys.

Also questioning the fees paid to outside law firms representing the city in various suits and labor actions, Diann claimed the combined costs of the solicitors' staff and outside counsel total more than that spent by most cities of comparable size in Pennsylvania.

Last year alone, he said, the city paid \$250,000, or the equivalent of 1.5 mills of property tax, on legal services. Of that total, Diann said, \$200,000 represented services and benefits of the city solicitors and \$50,000 was paid to outside law firms.

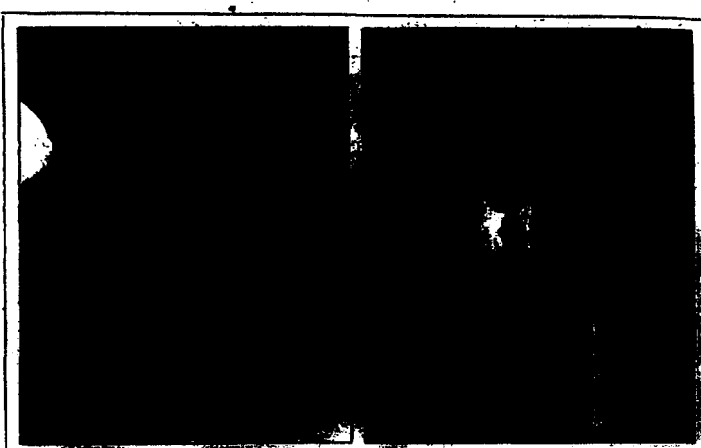
"It is clear the Reading taxpayers are paying an excessive amount for their legal services," Diann said.

Haggerty then countered the controller's charges, saying the city has been able to handle its legal needs with its current staff of seven attorneys.

He said the city's legal services are being provided by a group of attorneys who are not employed by the city, but are hired on a contract basis.

Haggerty said the city is not paying more for legal services than other cities of similar size.

"Would you save \$70,000?" he asked.



"It is clear the Reading taxpayers are paying an excessive amount for their legal services," Diann said. "I figure he, and here figure, so go figure." Mayor Warren H. Haggerty Jr. continuing to dispute the controller's contention and accusations.

Haggerty then countered the controller's charges, saying the city has been able to handle its legal needs with its current staff of seven attorneys.

He said the city's legal services are being provided by a group of attorneys who are not employed by the city, but are hired on a contract basis.

Haggerty said the city is not paying more for legal services than other cities of similar size.

"Would you save \$70,000?" he asked.

Haggerty then countered the controller's charges, saying the city has been able to handle its legal needs with its current staff of seven attorneys.

He said the city's legal services are being provided by a group of attorneys who are not employed by the city, but are hired on a contract basis.

Haggerty said the city is not paying more for legal services than other cities of similar size.

"Would you save \$70,000?" he asked.

Ruling on defense set in abuse case

During a closed hearing, Berks County Judge Linda K.M. Ludgate decides which agency reports can be used by the defense in the trial of Dianna D. Souder, who is accused in a sexual abuse case involving two boys.

By Holly Herman

Examiner/Staff

Berks County Judge Linda K.M. Ludgate decided during a closed hearing which agency reports can be used by the defense in the trial of Dianna D. Souder, who is accused in a sexual abuse case involving two boys.

Ludgate said she ordered the hearing closed in accordance with the law because the issues discussed involved children.

Souder, 22, of the first block of Firstover Road, Union Township, has been charged with rape and related sexual offenses involving two boys over a two-year period.

Souder's lawyer, Assistant Public Defender Charles D. Younger, had asked to review agency reports concerning the children, Ludgate said.

Jury selection is expected to begin next Thursday, and the trial is expected to last four days.

Souder on Jan. 29 was acquitted of attempted murder and related charges in the Jan. 11, 1992, stabbing of her husband, Bruce W., in their home.

The jury believed Souder's defense that she stabbed her husband in fear of her own life because she was a battered wife.

During a preliminary hearing into the child abuse case last July, one of the boys, age 7, testified against Souder for about 45 minutes.

The youth said Souder repeatedly engaged in sexual activities with him and a 5-year-old boy, who did not testify. Their identities are being withheld by the Reading Times and Reading Eagle.

The 7-year-old said Souder threatened the boys if they resisted or told anyone about the activities, and she repeatedly hurt their arms and legs.

The alleged sexual attacks occurred up to five days per week, the boy said, from the time he was in nursery school in January 1990 until January 1992.

The charges were filed on July 1 after police were informed of the alleged situation by Berks County Children and Youth Services workers in March.

Souder is in Berks County Prison in lieu of \$50,000 bail.

Hain pitches an apology

The school board beats its doughnut-throwing member to the punch by issuing its own regrets for his behavior.

By Carl W. Brown Jr.

Examiner/Staff

Two days after flinging fast-nachos in a fit of rage, Reading School Board member Jake Hain publicly apologized for his actions.

But he was upstaged Wednesday night during a board meeting, first by his fellow board members, who introduced and later passed a resolution chastising him and apologizing for his actions.

And, board member Dr. C. Eve J. Kimball, in an attempt to bring levity to the situation, handed out bicycle safety helmets to four who reportedly had been in the line of fire.

Hain admitted tossing the doughnuts onto the table during a closed-door board session Monday

"In a world of starving people, such abuse of food is inexcusable, and such disrespect of the beginning of the Christian holy season is insulting."

Hain said he was taking three of the doughnuts, which were donated to the board by Reading Moravian Church, 1118 Perry St., to share later with his wife and with board member James B. Callagrove, who was not at Monday night's meeting.

Hain apologized to the public and the church.

Brown denied swearing at Hain, and Reading-Soda said she did not accuse him of stealing, but only pointed out that they were meant for the entire board.

Meanwhile, the resolution, which Hain opposed, stated, in part: "In a world of starving people, such abuse of food is inexcusable, and such disrespect of the beginning of the Christian holy season is insulting. We want the church to know that our board does not condone such action, which serves as a bad example to the children of the school district."

Hain said he was taking three of the doughnuts, which were donated to the board by Reading Moravian Church, 1118 Perry St., to share later with his wife and with board member James B. Callagrove, who was not at Monday night's meeting.

Hain admitted tossing the doughnuts onto the table during a closed-door board session Monday

Cable caper may expand stay in jail

Illegal television hookups in Berks County Prison could delay Frank M. Saffioti's release after he completes his minimum sentence in a fencing case.

By Dave Mcswary

Examiner/Staff

With the plug pulled on his cable television enterprise, Frank M. Saffioti could be staying in Berks County Prison longer than he had planned.

Prison officials Wednesday said Saffioti's contract could delay his release from prison after he serves the 11 1/2-month minimum sentence on fencing charges.

Officials said it is too early to say how much longer Saffioti could serve because that determination would be made only after reviewing his overall conduct during his prison sentence.

In addition, Saffioti now faces summary charges of theft and criminal mischief for drilling through the floor of the prison pre-releases center to connect his television sets to rooms shared by a total of 40 to 60 inmates.

Warden George A. Wagner said he will most likely wait until Jonathan L. Weaver, prison board solicitor, finishes the process of filing the summary citations.

"We're going to do it," Wagner said. "It's a matter of initiating the steps in the right order."

District Attorney Mark C. Baldwin on Tuesday recommended Wagner file summary citations in the office of District Justice Thomas M. Gandy Sr.

Prison officials already have banished Saffioti to solitary confinement for 30 days for violating prison policies by connecting the television sets to the underground cable.

The illegal connections were discovered during a routine inspection by prison officials on Jan. 30. Officials suspect Saffioti, former operator of Uncle Frank's Pizzeria Shop, 1708 N. Third St., hooked up the necessary supplies while participating in the work-release program.






He was removed from that program before the connections were found.

Prison disciplinary hearings involving the seven or eight correctional officers who have been cited for failing to notice the connections have not yet been conducted, Wagner said.

Assistant Warden Elliot S. West said inmates were permitted to purchase portable television sets for about \$15 from the prison commissary until January, when a vendor took over the operation. He said the vendor opted not to continue to sell the sets.

Saffioti is in prison serving an 11 1/2- to 23-month sentence because he admitted to buying stolen items from state troopers between Oct. 12, 1990, and Feb. 27, 1991, at his pawn shop. He also pleaded guilty to landing a state trooper \$125 on Oct. 5, 1990, at an excessively high interest rate.

WEATHER FROM ACCU-WEATHER®

BERKS TONIGHT	TOMORROW	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
				
Snow tapering to Rain Low 15 Winds NE 7-14	Variable cloudiness, break and chilly High 24, low 10 Winds: N 10-20	Mostly sunny but break and chilly High 25, low 19 Winds: N 10-20	Sunshine, trumpet. High 48, low 25 Winds: NW 7-14	Clouds and sunshine. High 48, low 23 Winds: NW 8-16

[illegible]

WEATHER FACTS FOR READING

Per 30-minute period ending at 3 a.m. today
(From various radio-televisions)

High temperature	27 at 2:30 p.m.
Low temperature	10 at 7:30 a.m.
Average temperature	18.5
Today's record high	88 in 1976
Today's record low	3 in 1914
Temperature's record high	96 in 1934
Temperature's record low	4 in 1934
Precipitation (in inches)	0.00
Summit today	0-42 a.m.
Summit today	0-52 a.m.
Midstate today	0-40 a.m.
Summit today	1-106 p.m.
Summit tomorrow	5-53 a.m.
Midstate tomorrow	1-110 p.m.
Summit tomorrow	none

All maps, forecasts and data provided by
Aero-Weather, Inc. © 1980

COMFORT INDEX

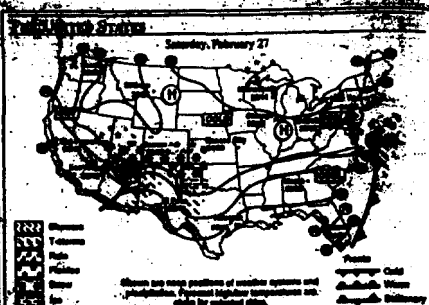
Rising on a scale of 1-10, where 1 is least comfortable and 10 is most comfortable for this time of the year.

Tomorrow **3**

LATEST UPDATE
For the latest weather forecasts, call
Eagle Link, a free service.
Dial 376-6666 and enter a category.
Local forecast 5100
Jersey Shore 5105 Poconos 5116
Delaware Shore 5110 Tuscon 5118

TOUR	DATE	TIME	PRICE
Atlanta City	10:57 a.m.	12:30 p.m.	\$45 per person
Capitol Hill	12:35 p.m.	1:50 p.m.	\$50 per person
Green City Hall	10:57 a.m.	1:50 p.m.	\$50 per person
Reynolds Square	11:40 a.m.	1:50 p.m.	\$47 per person
Virginia Beach	11:50 a.m.	1:55 p.m.	\$45 per person

For more details, call 800-368-2222.



U.S. CRIME

YESTERDAY'S EXTREMES IN THE U.S.
TRUCK OF 11 MEN FOLLOWS THRU
LONDON - 41 in Boston, N.Y.

<p> THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LIBRARY 540 EAST 58TH STREET CHICAGO, ILL. 60637 TEL: 773-936-3200 FAX: 773-936-3200 WWW.CHICAGO.EDU </p>	<p> THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO LIBRARY 540 EAST 58TH STREET CHICAGO, ILL. 60637 TEL: 773-936-3200 FAX: 773-936-3200 WWW.CHICAGO.EDU </p>
--	--

TO CONTACT US BY TELEPHONE	
Main number	371-8888
Toll free	1-800-623-7222
Circulation	
Richard B. Azzam, director	371-9009
Joseph Pollack, home delivery manager	371-8282
John J. Pappas, circulation controller	371-8282
John L. Taylor III, Eagle display coordinator	371-9102
Edward B. Potts, reader service manager	371-8188
William J. Pappas, customer service manager	371-8282
Robert F. Tonnell, operations manager	371-8188
Offices hours:	
Monday 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.	Tuesday 4 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Wednesday 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.	Major holiday 4 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Retail advertising	371-8188
Classified advertising	
Ray R. Matthews, director	371-8188
Walter W. Whelan, director, subscriptions	371-8882
William J. Pappas, director, subscriptions	371-8188
Robert D. Woods, retail manager	371-8841
Richard J. Chiswell, national manager	371-8488
William J. Pappas, classified manager	371-8188
Display advertising Fax number	371-9188
Classified advertising Fax number	371-8137
Monday - Friday	
6:30 A.M. - 6 P.M.	
Saturday (classified phone only)	
6:30 A.M. - 11 A.M.	
Editorial	
Charles M. Goffie, managing editor	371-8882
William J. Pappas, chief managing editor/press	371-8188
John J. Baile Jr., chief managing editor/agencies	371-8884
Donald P. Davis, news editor	371-8888
William J. Pappas, business editor	371-8188
James S. Ford, night copy editor	371-8888
Michael D. Broadwater, features editor	371-8081
William J. Pappas, sports editor	371-8188
J. Charles Gardner, photo manager	371-8888
News Fax number	371-8888
Engle Link	
To submit categories	376-8008
376-8009	
Alfred R. Narkis, director	376-8801
Promotions and Marketing	
John H. Ewenick, director	371-5148
Bethanne D. Bennett, special sections editor	371-5148

SETTING IT STRAIGHT

If you wish to report, correct and clarify errors, or if you discover a factual error in the *Reading Eagle* or the *Reading Times*, bring it to the attention of editors by calling 371-5010 or by writing P.O. Box 562, Reading, PA 19603-0562.

SUBMITTING NEWS

If you would like your Community, civic or cultural news published, please send typed press releases to the attention of the Editor, *Reading Times*, P.O. Box 562, Reading, PA 19603-0562. Releases should include the date, time and complete address of the location, a description of the activities or speakers and a telephone number to call for more information. The information must be received at least seven days prior to the event.

RECAPTURE OF PHOTOGRAPHS

Copies of news pictures for individual, personal and organizational use may be obtained at the office - 371-6266.

READING EAGLE

Founded 1888 **Number 30**

USPS 485-440
Published daily by **Reading Eagle Company**
P.O. Box 902, 345 Penn St., Reading PA 19601-0902
Second class postage paid at Reading, PA

Subscription price: _____

Single copy	July	70¢
	August	\$1.00
Delivered by carrier	July	\$4.00 a month
	August	\$1.00 a week
Office and subscriptions	July	\$100.00 a year
	August	\$100.00 a year

An additional postage charge applies to all mail subscriptions figured in rates. All retail subscriptions payable in advance.

Corporate administration

Myrtle B. Quade	Chairman of the Board
William S. Phippen	Vice President & Publisher
James C. Phippen	Vice President & Secretary
Thomas A. Gammon	Treasurer & Controller
Leah B. Dufresne	Accounts Receivable

Snow in areas

[illegible]

Southwest part of state get the snow this time

Northeastern corner, usually hit hard from Lake Erie, gets only a light dusting. Heaviest snow falls south of time from Pittsburgh to Altoona.

Associated Press

As much as 11 inches of snow fell in southeastern Pennsylvania, crippling many roads, closing schools and making morning traffic.

The National Weather Service said the heaviest snow fell south of and between time from Pittsburgh to Altoona.

The southeastern corner of the state, which usually is hit hard by snow from Lake Erie, received only a light dusting because the storm clouds did not reach that far north, forecasters said.

"This is not a lake-effect event," meteorologist Russell Detrick said. "The center of the storm is coming across Kansas and southern New York. It will taper off to buries and continue late the night."

The 11 inches was measured at the Seven Springs ski resort in Somerset County. State police in nearby Somerset said the Pennsylvania Turnpike was closed and had road crews were plowing.

Five inches of snow fell in Uniocton, four in Greensburg and Altoona and three in Washington, D.C., where the snow was brought and Altoona was about three inches at most, the weather service said.

In suburban Pittsburgh, the upper end of the belt, snow was reported, coming delays for hundreds of commuters.

Elsewhere, the storm that left more than a foot of more in parts of the Midwest, heaviest snow in New York and New Jersey.

Snow fell in Washington, D.C.

Richmond, Va., Detroit, Cleveland, St. Louis, Reno, and San Francisco. Portions of West Virginia had heavy snow. In Georgia was hit with an inch storm.

It was the second major storm in as many weeks. The first showed its teeth in the West coast on Thursday, caused an estimated \$1 billion in damage and killed at least four people in Missouri.

Forecasters in eastern Kentucky said more than 14 inches of snow. Portland, Maine had 10 inches. Indianapolis and Cleveland had about 8 inches. Altoona had 11 inches fall in Kansas City.

A 20-year-old man telling *Washington Census* press said that his Little Cay.

Flooding from record rain

over the past two months in record rain. Arizona state water boards said the state's irrigation system was in danger of being washed away.

Federal carjack law passes test

ORLANDO, Fla. — The first three defendants convicted of a fatal carjacking in the United States last week face murder charges that could put them on death row.

Jermaine Foster, 31; Gerald Anderson, 31; and Alvin Williams, 30, were found guilty Thursday in the slaying of two men during a carjacking in Orlando last month. The judge sentenced each man in prison for the federal case.

Anderson, 17-year-old Leondre Henderson, pleaded guilty to the slaying of the two men. Foster and Williams played dead until the attack was over in Foster's car.

Prosecutors said this was the first act of a section of the law called "carjacking" that led to injury or death.

The four abducted three men and a woman from a car in a parking lot near a shopping vehicle outside a St. Cloud bar, drove them in a field and forced them to get into and lie face down on the ground.

Foster then fatally shot Anthony Clifton, 33, and Anthony Randolph, 33.

The defendants will be tried in state court on charges of murder, kidnapping and armed robbery. The state's attorney said the motive was money.

Too-cool kid

STORM CHASED

AKRON, Ohio — It was the dreaded ducking dam.

That and a temperature of 6 degrees got the crowd here more than to Sargent's "The Sign of the Cross."

At 10 p.m. of the 1928 Jean Shepherd comedy, "A Christmas Story," here, the ducking dam did not get ignored. The movie, parts of which were filmed in Cleveland, is the story of 9-year-old Ralphe's quest for a doll gun during a 1940 Christmas.

In last year, one of Ralphe's classmates was killed in a swimming pool accident. So Sargent is not at all fully well from.

He does and it does.

On Wednesday morning, movie fans became embarrassed that when an Akron boy took up his Christmas card and stuck his tongue out, cut-een boys here laughed.

"He couldn't really talk when we got the movie," said one of the boys.

"Some bystanders had tried to pour water
his tongue and that just made it worse. He was
stuck good, but we put a saline solution on it a
little bit."

"He said he'd come the movie and wanted to see if it was really true and when his friends dared him that was his pain said. The first time he was in the movie when we took his picture was whether he would ever do it again. said "or real quick."

● **Last 57 years, ring back**

ST. LOUIS — William Perlmutter was when he lost his college ring during a boogie with friends in 1947.

Now, at 65, he's got it back.

Write on a bracelet with fraternity membership the St. Louis College of Pharmacy. Perlmutter remembered finding it at a bunch of people's dark when suddenly "there was no longer a ring."

He spent an hour the next morning combing the city's every ditch for the 600 gold ring with inscriptions in the middle, but had no luck.

He wrote a letter to the St. Louis Post-Dispatch and the paper's editor sent him the ring wearing Perlmutter's initials hanging in a window. A secretary at the college traced the ring to Perlmutter, class of 1947.

Perlmutter's ring and right ring finger was mounted Feb. 17, Locality, said Perlmutter, fingers have gotten blower since his college days.

"I promise it won't come off now," he said.

— FROM OUR NEWS SERVICE

Deborah P. Lachina, a candidate for district

Daily numbers: 429 Big 4: 0536
 Cash 5: 3 24 29 35 36
 Featured story on Page B4
 For daily Po. lottery numbers, call Po. Line at 800-426-7828 or visit www.pocash.com

Christoph support of

MIRZEHADI — Secretary of council of Syrian support, said Palestinian Arab governments are poised to leave in April.

He declined to say other belligerent world-Jews' involvement in the independence in the Palestinian.

"They have been in post since Feb. I worked out an agreement between them and the British," he claims of the Palestinian government in Britain. "The chief Palestinian govt army, and today it was too early to say who made that institution were."

He indicated Israel has not economic that it remains in the occupied three months ago, and of Palestinians.

Lohmann

a Jewish-affiliated institution

MARIJAYOUN — Unofficially Israeli-affiliated institutions in a today, and Israeli intelligence also

Arab Saloon, a stronghold of the
Party of God, said a police spokesman
vacant house and there were no ca-

United States.

- **Clinton misleads supporters.**
WASHINGTON — With a U.S. report in under way to critic President Clinton's administration, the President's synthetic signs of support for Soviet aid visits.
- **The one-day summit will be determined, and Clinton will return to his work on the economy; states and the President, Clinton decided to drive for completion and approval with Yeltsin, in response to growing concern to derail the Russian president.**
- **Va. passes limit on gun ownership.**
RICHMOND — The Virginia General Assembly has passed a bill limiting gun possession by passing and sending to Gov. L. Douglas Wilder for his signature. The bill is intended to curb the state's gun problem.
- **The majority of gun possession by the President in his first year in office.**
DOA A THREE DAY SURVEY.

Sweden

- **Russia calls extradition.**
STOCKHOLM — The Russian Foreign Ministry has called for the extradition of a Russian citizen, a former Soviet agent, to the Russian government.

The two were arraigned in Stockholm on charges of hijacking a Swedish Aeroflot jet. Swedish officials said. The Russian officials said the two were arrested in Sweden.

Columbina

■ **Car bomb in Medellin** — A powerful car outside the regional telephone center injuring 25 people and causing many nearby buildings, police said today.

Police said the 400-pound bomb was in the back of a station car square outside the regional office.

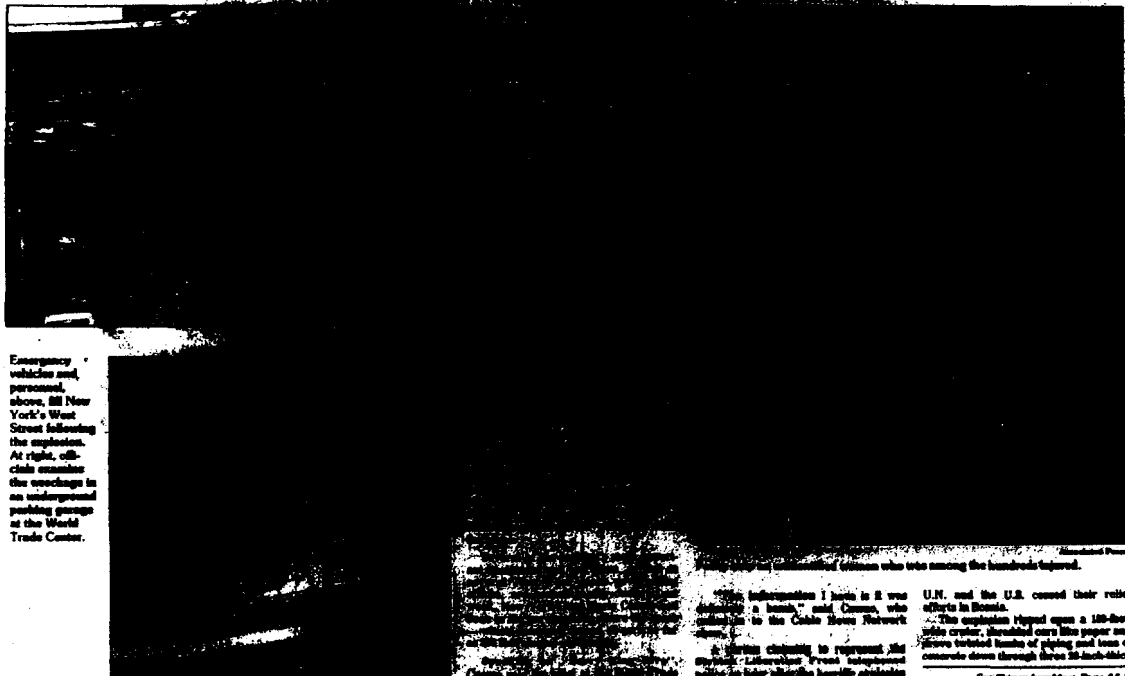
a. in ENKS

SATURDAY, February 27, 1993

Reading, Pa.

\$5 single copy.

Bomb rips Trade Center; 7 dead, hundreds injured



Emergency vehicles and personnel, above, fill New York's West Street following the explosion. At right, officials examine the wreckage in an underground parking garage at the World Trade Center.

Associated Press
A photograph of a damaged vehicle that was among the hundreds injured.

Investigation 1 hour in it was efforts in Boston. ... The explosion ripped open a 10-foot-wide crater, shredded cars like paper and threw twisted lumps of piping and tons of concrete down through three 10-story-deep floors.

Associated Press
A photograph of a damaged vehicle that was among the hundreds injured.

Weather



Today
Sunny
Some sun

Sunday
Sunny
Clear

Index

- Bridge / D8
- Business / B4
- Classified ads / C8
- Comics / B7.2
- Court log / B2
- Crossword puzzle / C8.8
- Doctor / B2
- Editorial, opinion / A8
- Entertainment / D8
- Horoscopes / B7.8
- Lifestyle / C1
- Obituaries / C4
- Police log / B2
- Religion / A8
- Sports / D1
- Television / D7
- Whole column / D8

Lottery

Shirley Page B3

Daily 0 8 3

Big Four 9 8 4 7

Wild Card Lotto 2 8 11 14 24 28

Wild Card: 19

\$100,000 reward offered for vandals' arrest

■ Damage to equipment of non-union contractors estimated at more than \$2 million.

By Don Spohn
and Kevin Cranshaw
Staff Writers

A builders group has offered a \$100,000 reward for the arrest of the vandals who caused more than \$2 million in damage to construction equipment owned by non-union contractors over the past two months — including three contractors working in Berks County.

Barry Schleich, owner of Schleich Moving Inc., Reading, told the Berks County Chamber of Commerce Friday his losses totaled about \$200,000 and delayed work on the Great Books Corporate Center in Middletown Township.

He estimated the total damage at between \$1 million and \$2 million, and noted it will raise contractors' insurance rates, raise the cost of security at the job sites, and cost jobs.

Schleich told the Chamber the only common factor in all the vandalism was that non-union contractors got hit. Even on jobs

worked by both union contractors and non-union contractors, he said, only the non-union equipment was hit.

Associated Builders and Contractors, a trade group representing 20,000 union and non-union contractors, last week offered the \$100,000 reward for information on the vandals.

In the Middletown Township, which suffered its last vandalism, Schleich said the perpetrators apparently had the universal keys to the locked filter plugs of the oil and transmission systems, and poured a grinding compound into

sight of his construction vehicles at the site.

He said the crew didn't realize the vehicles had been tampered with until they lurched up within hours of being started.

About the same time, he said, vandals targeted vehicles working on the United Red-Grouted Services project along Route 61 south of Leesport, and at a telephone cable project in Spring Ridge.

Lawrence Gail, chief of the Middletown-Township police department, said workers from the company that owned the equipment at the United Red-

grouted Services project realized the vehicles had been tampered with, and drained the substance, which he believed to be acid, from the vehicles before any damage occurred. The name of the company was unobtainable.

Spring Township police said there was damage to equipment belonging to a Montgomery County contractor working in Spring Ridge. An estimate was unobtainable.

"There's a very extensive and active investigation going on," said police Chief William F. Spohn, who declined to give specifics of the incident.

Transporting of students for AIDS test rapped

■ Girls reportedly taken to Reading by Kutztown School District employees under the pretext of going on a field trip.

By John D. Forrester Jr.
Staff Writer

Two Kutztown High School students, who reportedly received help from school officials in obtaining AIDS tests, are protected by state law in seeking to have the tests done without the knowledge or consent of their parents.

However, school officials came under fire last week when the parents of the two girls complained that a school employee used the pretext of a field trip to take the students to Reading for the tests.

School officials have acknowledged that they are looking into the matter but only to see if school policy regarding the transportation of students was violated.

Dr. Richard J. Kerr, superintendent, said this is a personal matter and that prevents him from commenting on it publicly. He said he also is constrained from commenting on whether test-

ing had taken place by a state law that forbids the release of information on all aspects of HIV testing.

He did say that, if students request information on AIDS testing, the school would be obliged to provide that information, such as where and how such testing is available.

"But I don't believe the school should be involved in transportation," he said.

Kerr said, if students had been transported to the state Health Department clinic at 625 Cherry

St. for AIDS testing, it was not with the approval of the school administration and it wasn't happen again.

Free testing is provided at the clinic.

The matter surfaced last week when the mothers of the two 16-year-olds complained they had been asked to give permission slips allowing the school district to transport their daughters to Reading for a field trip.

One of the mothers, Diane Pilsner, wife of Kutztown Police Chief Edmund F. Pilsner, said

she became suspicious when she was asked to sign an excuse slip to allow her daughter to go for a Spanish class field trip. The slip, she said, did not have a specific date for the trip.

"I went to the school, and they told me there was no such trip," Pilsner said. She said she then was told the school nurse, Marcia Fisher, organized the trip to the Health Department office to study careers in the health field.

Fisher has denied that she

See AIDS, Page A1

Adams Communications Corporation
Composite Week Analysis
of the Programming of Station WTVE(TV)

DAILY ANALYSIS FOR:

MARCH 13, 1993

A:	Total hours of operation:	24
B.	Programs ^{1/} broadcast on Station WTVE(TV):	
	Total hours/minutes of news programs:	0
	Total hours/minutes of public affairs programs:	0
	Total hours/minutes of "other" non-entertainment programming:	0
	Total hours/minutes of station-produced non-entertainment programs of any kind:	0
	Total Nonentertainment Programs:	<u>0</u> ^{2/}

^{1/} See Adams Exh. 2, Appendix A, for applicable definition of "program".

^{2/} This total represents all programs broadcast by the station on this date exclusive of network programming provided to the station by the Home Shopping Network.

BY DISCREPANCY AND EQUIPMENT FAILURE REPORT

Date Saturday, March 13, 1993 ^{GB}

TIME IN	NAME	TIME OUT
00:00	Samuel Nduya	08:00
14:00	Theresa Marent	16:00
16:00	Theresa Marent	00:00

TIME IN	NAME	TIME OUT

TIME: 15:40	DURATION: 15 min	EQUIPMENT: Transmitter	INITIALS: <i>mm</i>
PROBLEM: Overload - lost signal 3 times within 15 min time period			
CORRECTION: Reset - OK			
PREVENTION:			

TIME:	DURATION:	EQUIPMENT:	INITIALS:
PROBLEM:			
CORRECTION:			
PREVENTION:			

TIME:	DURATION:	EQUIPMENT:	INITIALS:
PROBLEM:			
CORRECTION:			
PREVENTION:			

STANDARD TIME
ACTUAL TIME

Local sales -
stuff
SCHEDULED

DATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 1993

START	FINISH	TIME	PROGRAM	LENGTH	SOURCE	TYPE
		00:00M	HOME SHOPPING NETWORK	60:00		
		00:20	BREAK 1			
00:20:00	00:20:30	30	HSN	30	NET	NET
00:20:30	00:21:00	00	BOSCOV'S	30	C-5	CM
00:21:00	00:22:00	00	BILL ELLIOT	60	PI-17	PI
00:22:00	00:23:00	00	HAMMER/DRAWING	60	PA-23	PSA
00:23:00	00:24:30	30	BERKS COUNTY AFGHAN	90	PI-3	PI
00:24:30	00:25:00	00	SHOTGUN (local)	30	S-13	PRA
00:25:00	00:25:05	00:30	STATION ID	10	CG	VSI
		00:50	BREAK 2			
00:50:00	01:51:00	00	HSN	60	NET	NET
01:51:00	01:51:30	30	BOSCOV'S	30	C-5	CM
01:51:30	01:52:00	00	TROUT UNLIMITED #3	30	PA-27	PSA
01:52:00	01:52:05	01:00	STATION ID	10	CG	VSI
		01:00	HOME SHOPPING NETWORK	60:00		
		01:20	BREAK 3			
01:20:00	01:20:30	30	HSN	30	NET	NET
01:20:30	01:21:00	00	BOSCOV'S	30	C-5	CM
01:21:00	01:23:00	00	ORIGINAL MACE	2:00	PI-31	PI
01:23:00	01:24:00	00	READING MUSEUM/KEYSTONE	60	PA-8	PSA
01:24:00	01:25:00	00	KIDS/CAN'T DO THIS ON DRUGS	60	PA-11	PSA
01:25:00	01:25:05	01:30	STATION ID	10	CG	VSI
		01:50	BREAK 4			
01:50:00	01:51:00	00	HSN	60	NET	NET
01:51:00	01:51:30	30	BOSCOV'S	30	C-5	CM
01:51:30	01:52:00	00	DR. SCOTT PROMO	30	S-7	PRA
01:52:00	01:52:05	02:00	STATION ID	10	CG	VSI
		02:00A	HOME SHOPPING NETWORK	60:00		
		02:20	BREAK 5			
02:20:00	02:20:30	30	BOSCOV'S	30	C-5	CM
02:20:30	02:21:30	30	RONCO FOOD DEHYDRATOR	60	PI-2	PI
02:21:30	02:22:30	30	HUMANE SOCIETY	60	PA-13	PSA
02:22:30	02:24:30	50	CLASSIC GOSPEL	2:00	PI-11	PI
02:24:30	02:25:00	00	T.E.C. NETWORK	30	PA-21	PSA
02:25:00	02:25:05	02:30	STATION ID	10	CG	VSI
		02:53	BREAK 6			
02:53:00	02:54:00	00	HSN	60	NET	NET
02:54:00	02:54:30	30	BOSCOV'S	30	C-5	CM
02:54:30	02:55:00	00	T.E.C. NETWORK	30	PA-21	PSA
02:55:00	02:55:05	03:00	STATION ID	10	CG	VSI

STANDARD TIME

ACTUAL TIME

SCHEDULED

DATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 1993

START	FINISH	TIME	PROGRAM	LENGTH	SOURCE	TYPE
		03:00A	<u>HOME SHOPPING NETWORK</u>	60:00		
03:20:00	03:20:30	03:20	BREAK 7			
03:20:30	03:22:30	30	BOSCOV'S	30	C-5	CM
03:22:30	03:23:30	30	FARBER PEEL	2:00	PI-4	PI
03:23:30	03:24:30	30	HAVE YOU SEEN ME?	60	PA-1	PSA
03:24:30	03:25:00	00	MAKE A DIFFERENCE/VISION USA	60	PA-22	PSA
			CRIME STOPPERS	30	PA-3	PSA
03:25:05	03:25:05	03:30	STATION ID	10	CG	VSI
03:50:00	03:51:00	03:50	BREAK 8			
03:51:00	03:51:30	30	HSN	60	NET	NET
03:51:30	03:52:00	00	BOSCOV'S	30	C-5	CM
			ADVENTURE PALS PROMO	30	S-5	PRA
		04:00	STATION ID	10	CG	VSI
		04:00A	<u>HOME SHOPPING NETWORK</u>	60:00		
04:20:00	04:20:30	04:20	BREAK 9			
04:20:30	04:21:30	30	BOSCOV'S	30	C-5	CM
04:21:30	04:22:30	30	KIDS INTERNATIONAL	60	PI-9	PI
04:22:30	04:23:30	30	READING MUSEUM/LIONS CLUB	60	PA-7	PSA
04:23:30	04:24:30	30	IDA DANIEL/GENERATIONS	60	PA-5	PSA
04:24:30	04:25:00	00	TROUT UNLIMITED	60	PA-25	PSA
			BERKS COUNTY LITERACY COALITION	30	PA-12	PSA
04:25:05	04:25:05	04:30	STATION ID	10	CG	VSI
04:50:00	04:51:00	04:50	BREAK 10			
04:51:00	04:51:30	30	HSN	60	NET	NET
04:51:30	04:52:00	00	BOSCOV'S	30	C-5	CM
04:52:00	04:52:00	00	JIMMY SWAGGART PROMO	30	S-3	PRA
04:52:00	04:52:00	05:00	STATION ID	10	CG	VSI
		05:00	<u>HOME SHOPPING NETWORK</u>	60:00		
05:20:00	05:20:30	05:20	BREAK 11			
05:20:30	05:21:30	30	BOSCOV'S	30	C-5	CM
05:21:30	05:22:30	30	BARBARA MANDRELL	60	PI-8	PI
05:22:30	05:23:30	30	FRED GREY/ANNIE POTTS	60	PA-15	PSA
05:23:30	05:24:30	30	SIGN OF TIMES/STEPHANIE	60	PA-19	PSA
05:24:30	05:25:00	00	E-ZEEWRAP	60	PI-13	PI
05:25:00	05:25:00	00	BERKS COUNTY MUSEUM COUNCIL	30	PA-17	PSA
05:25:05	05:25:05	05:30	STATION ID	10	CG	VSI
05:53:00	05:54:00	05:53	BREAK 12			
05:54:00	05:54:30	30	HSN	60	NET	NET
05:54:30	05:55:00	00	BOSCOV'S	30	C-5	CM
05:55:00	05:55:00	00	WIDGET PROMO	30	S-1	PRA
		06:00	STATION ID	10	CG	VSI

STANDARD TIME

ACTUAL TIME

SCHEDULED

DATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 1993

START	FINISH	TIME	PROGRAM	LENGTH	SOURCE	TYPE
		06:00A	<u>HOME SHOPPING NETWORK</u>	60:00		
06:20:00	06:20:00	06:20	BREAK 13			
06:20:30	06:21:00	06:20	HSN	30	NET	NET
06:21:00	06:21:30	06:21	WEATHER	30	PA-2	PSA
06:21:30	06:23:00	06:22	BOSCOV'S	30	C-5	CM
06:23:00	06:24:00	06:23	COMMUNITY CALENDAR	90	PA-4	PSA
06:24:00	06:25:00	06:24	ANIMAL RESCUE LEAGUE/REFUGEE	60	PA-10	PSA
06:25:00	06:25:00	06:25	HEALTHY START/ANTI-DRUG	60	PA-24	PSA
06:25:00	06:25:00	06:30	STATION ID	10	CG	VSI
06:50:00	06:51:00	06:50	BREAK 14			
06:51:00	06:51:30	06:51	HSN	60	NET	NET
06:51:30	06:52:00	06:52	BOSCOV'S	30	C-5	CM
06:52:00	06:52:00	06:52	TROUT UNLIMITED #3	30	PA-27	PSA
06:52:00	06:52:00	07:00	STATION ID	10	CG	VSI
		07:00	<u>HOME SHOPPING NETWORK</u>	60:00		
07:20:00		07:20	BREAK 15			
			HSN	30	NET	NET
			WEATHER	30	PA-2	PSA
			BOSCOV'S	30	C-5	CM
			NEWS TO YOU	3:00	PA-33	PSA
			CRIME STOPPERS	30	PA-3	PSA
		07:30	STATION ID	10	CG	VSI
		07:53	BREAK 16			
			HSN	60	NET	NET
07:55:42	07:56:12	07:56	BOSCOV'S	30	C-5	CM
07:56:12	07:56:42	07:56	BERKS COUNTY LITERACY COALITION	30	PA 14	PSA
07:56:56		08:00	STATION ID	10	CG	VSI
		08:00	<u>HOME SHOPPING NETWORK</u>	60:00		
		08:20	BREAK 17			
08:22:00	08:23:30	08:22	HSN	30	NET	NET
08:22:30	08:23:00	08:22	WEATHER	30	PA-2	PSA
08:23:00	08:24:00	08:23	BOSCOV'S	30	C-5	CM
08:24:00	08:26:00	08:24	HEALTH REPORT	3:00	PA-30	PSA
08:26:00	08:26:30	08:26	SHOTGUN	30	S-13	PRA
08:26:30		08:30	STATION ID	10	CG	VSI
		08:53	BREAK 18			
08:53:00	08:53:30	08:53	HSN	60	NET	NET
08:53:30	08:54:00	08:53	BOSCOV'S	30	C-5	CM
08:54:00	08:54:00	08:54	BERKS COUNTY MUSEUM COUNCIL	30	PA-18	PSA
08:54:03		09:00	STATION ID	10	CG	VSI

-3-

STANDARD TIME

DATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 1993

ACTUAL TIME		SCHEDULED	PROGRAM	LENGTH	SOURCE	TYPE
START	FINISH	TIME				
		09:00A	<u>HOME SHOPPING NETWORK</u>	60:00		
		09:20	<u>BREAK 19</u>			
			HSN	30	NET	NET
09:17:59	09:18:29		WEATHER	30	PA-2	PSA
09:18:29	09:18:59		BOSCOV'S	30	C-5	CM
09:18:59	09:21:59		IN TOUCH	3:00	PA-28	PSA
09:21:59	09:22:29		T.E.G. NETWORK	30	PA-21	PSA
09:22:35		09:30	STATION ID	10	CG	VSI
		09:53	<u>BREAK 20</u>			
			HSN	60	NET	NET
09:53:44	09:54:14		BOSCOV'S	30	C-5	CM
09:54:14	09:54:44		ADVENTURE PALS PROMO	30	S-5	PRA
09:54:50		10:00	STATION ID	10	VT	VSI
		10:00	<u>HOME SHOPPING NETWORK</u>	60:00		
		10:20	<u>BREAK 21</u>			
			HSN	30	NET	NET
10:22:00	10:25:00		NEWS TO YOU	3:00	PA-34	PSA
10:25:00	10:26:00		J. O'REILLY (3)/GORDON PHILLIPS (2)	60	C-3	CM
10:26:00	10:26:30		BOSCOV'S	30	C-5	CM
10:26:33		10:30	STATION ID	10	CG	VSI
		10:53	<u>BREAK 22</u>			
			HSN	60	NET	NET
10:49:54	10:50:24		BOSCOV'S	30	C-5	CM
10:50:24	10:50:54		DR. SCOTT PROMO	30	S-7	PRA
10:51:03		11:00	STATION ID	10	CG	VSI
		11:00A	<u>HOME SHOPPING NETWORK</u>	60:00		
		11:20	<u>BREAK 23</u>			
			HSN	30	NET	NET
11:21:50	11:22:20		BOSCOV'S	30	C-5	CM
11:22:20	11:25:20		EDERLY REPORT	3:00	PA-31	PSA
11:25:20	11:26:20		J. O'REILLY (1)/GORDON PHILLIPS (1)	60	C-2	CM
11:26:23		11:30A	STATION ID	10	CG	VSI
		11:53	<u>BREAK 24</u>			
			HSN	60	NET	NET
11:54:01	11:54:31		BOSCOV'S	30	C-5	CM
11:54:31	11:55:01		CHEF ALAN'S	30	C-12	CM
11:55:05		12:00	STATION ID	10	CG	VSI

STANDARD TIME

DATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 1993

ACTUAL TIME		SCHEDULED	PROGRAM	LENGTH	SOURCE	TYPE
START	FINISH	TIME				
		12:00N	<u>HOME SHOPPING NETWORK</u>	60:00		
		12:20	BREAK 25			
			BOSCOV'S	30	C-5	CM
<u>12:18:10</u>	<u>12:18:40</u>		COMMUNITY CALENDAR	90	PA-4	PSA
<u>12:18:40</u>	<u>12:20:10</u>		NEWS TO YOU	3:00	PA-33	PSA
<u>12:20:10</u>	<u>12:23:10</u>					
<u>12:23:12</u>		12:30	STATION ID	10	CG	VSI
		12:53	BREAK 26			
			HSN	60	NET	NET
<u>12:53:20</u>	<u>12:53:50</u>		BOSCOV'S	30	C-5	CM
<u>12:53:50</u>	<u>12:54:20</u>		JIMMY SWAGGART PROMO	30	S-3	PRA
<u>12:54:23</u>		13:00	STATION ID	10	CG	VSI
		13:00	<u>HOME SHOPPING NETWORK</u>	60:00		
		13:20	BREAK 27			
			BOSCOV'S	30	C-5	CM
<u>13:17:16</u>	<u>13:17:46</u>		HEALTH REPORT	3:00	PA-30	PSA
<u>13:17:46</u>	<u>13:20:46</u>		KIDS INTERNATIONAL	60	PI-9	PI
<u>13:20:46</u>	<u>13:21:46</u>		CRIME STOPPERS	30	PA-3	PSA
<u>13:21:46</u>	<u>13:22:16</u>					
<u>13:22:20</u>		13:30	STATION ID	10	CG	VSI
		13:53	BREAK 28			
			HSN	60	NET	NET
<u>13:45:25</u>	<u>13:45:55</u>		BOSCOV'S	30	C-5	CM
<u>13:45:55</u>	<u>13:46:25</u>		CHEF ALAN'S	30	C-12	CM
<u>13:46:30</u>		14:00	STATION ID	10	CG	VSI
		14:00	<u>HOME SHOPPING NETWORK</u>	60:00		
		14:20	BREAK 29			
			BOSCOV'S	30	C-5	CM
<u>14:21:30</u>	<u>14:22:00</u>		IN TOUCH	3:00	PA-28	PSA
<u>14:22:00</u>	<u>14:25:00</u>		J. O'REILLY (1)/GORDON PHILLIPS (1)	60	C-2	CM
<u>14:25:00</u>	<u>14:26:00</u>		RMF	30	PA-16	PSA
<u>14:26:00</u>	<u>14:26:30</u>					
<u>14:26:34</u>		14:30	STATION ID	10	CG	VSI
		14:53	BREAK 30			
			HSN	60	NET	NET
<u>14:54:00</u>	<u>14:54:30</u>		BOSCOV'S	30	C-5	CM
<u>14:54:30</u>	<u>14:55:00</u>		TROUT UNLIMITED #3	30	PA-27	PSA
<u>14:55:06</u>		15:00	STATION ID	10	CG	VSI

-5-

STANDARD TIME

DATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 1993

ACTUAL TIME		SCHEDULED	PROGRAM	LENGTH	SOURCE	TYPE
START	FINISH	TIME				
		15:00P	<u>HOME SHOPPING NETWORK</u>	60:00		
		15:20	<u>BREAK 31</u>			
<u>15:20:02</u>	<u>15:20:32</u>		BOSCOV'S	30	C-5	CM
<u>15:20:32</u>	<u>15:21:32</u>		J. O'REILLY (3)/GORDON PHILLIPS (2)	60	C-3	CM
<u>15:21:32</u>	<u>15:24:32</u>		NEWS TO YOU	3:00	PA-34	PSA
<u>15:24:32</u>	<u>15:25:02</u>		BERKS COUNTY LITERACY COALITION	30	PA-14	PSA
<u>15:25:11</u>		15:30	STATION ID	10	CG	VSI
		15:50	<u>BREAK 32</u>			
			HSN	60	NET	NET
<u>15:54:02</u>	<u>15:54:52</u>		BOSCOV'S	30	C-5	CM
<u>15:54:52</u>	<u>15:55:22</u>		CHEF ALAN'S	30	C-12	CM
<u>15:55:27</u>		16:00	STATION ID	10	CG	VSI
		16:00P	<u>HOME SHOPPING NETWORK</u>	60:00		
		16:20	<u>BREAK 33</u>			
<u>16:21:35</u>	<u>16:25:05</u>		BOSCOV'S	30	C-5	CM
<u>16:25:05</u>	<u>16:25:35</u>		EDERLY REPORT	3:00	PA-31	PSA
<u>16:25:35</u>	<u>16:26:05</u>		RONCO FOOD DEHYDRATOR	60	PI-2	PI
<u>16:26:05</u>	<u>16:26:35</u>		CRIME STOPPERS	30	PA-30	PSA
<u>16:26:40</u>		16:30	STATION ID	10	CG	VSI
		16:50	<u>BREAK 34</u>			
			HSN	60	NET	NET
<u>16:55:50</u>	<u>16:56:20</u>		BOSCOV'S	30	C-5	CM
<u>16:56:20</u>	<u>16:56:50</u>		JIMMY SWAGGART PROMO	30	S-3	PRA
<u>16:56:53</u>		17:00	STATION ID	10	CG	VSI
		17:00P	<u>HOME SHOPPING NETWORK</u>	60:00		
		17:20	<u>BREAK 35</u>			
<u>17:21:51</u>	<u>17:22:21</u>		BOSCOV'S	30	C-5	CM
<u>17:22:21</u>	<u>17:25:21</u>		NEWS TO YOU	3:00	PA-33	PSA
<u>17:25:21</u>	<u>17:26:21</u>		BARBARA MANDRELL	60	PI-8	PI
<u>17:26:21</u>	<u>17:26:51</u>		BERKS COUNTY MUSEUM COUNCIL	30	PA-18	PSA
<u>17:26:54</u>		17:30	STATION ID	10	CG	VSI
		17:53	<u>BREAK 36</u>			
			HSN	60	NET	NET
<u>17:54:06</u>	<u>17:54:34</u>		BOSCOV'S	30	C-5	CM
<u>17:54:34</u>	<u>17:55:04</u>		ADVENTURE PALS PROMO	30	S-5	PRA
<u>17:55:10</u>		18:00	STATION ID	10	CG	VSI

STANDARD TIME

DATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 1993

ACTUAL TIME		SCHEDULED	PROGRAM	LENGTH	SOURCE	TYPE
START	FINISH	TIME				
		18:00P	<u>HOME SHOPPING NETWORK</u>	60:00		
		18:20	<u>BREAK 37</u>			
			HSN	30	NET	NET
<u>18:22:20</u>	<u>18:23:50</u>		COMMUNITY CALENDAR	90	PA-4	PSA
<u>18:23:50</u>	<u>18:26:50</u>		HEALTH REPORT	3:00	PA-30	PSA
		18:50	<u>BREAK 38</u>			
<u>18:27:11</u>			HSN	60	NET	NET
<u>18:55:50</u>	<u>18:56:20</u>		BOSCOV'S	30	C-5	CM
<u>18:56:20</u>	<u>18:56:50</u>		DR. SCOTT PROMO	30	S-7	PRA
<u>18:56:54</u>		19:00	STATION ID	10	CG	VSI
		19:00P	<u>HOME SHOPPING NETWORK</u>	60:00		
		19:20	<u>BREAK 39</u>			
			HSN	30	NET	NET
<u>19:22:19</u>	<u>19:22:49</u>		BOSCOV'S	30	C-5	CM
<u>19:22:49</u>	<u>19:25:19</u>		IN TOUCH	3:00	PA-28	PSA
<u>19:25:49</u>	<u>19:26:49</u>		J. O'REILLY (1)/GORDON PHILLIPS (1)	60	C-2	CM
<u>19:26:54</u>		19:30	STATION ID	10	CG	VSI
		19:50	<u>BREAK 40</u>			
			HSN	60	NET	NET
<u>19:45:30</u>	<u>19:46:00</u>		BOSCOV'S	30	C-5	CM
<u>19:46:00</u>	<u>19:46:30</u>		WIDGET PROMO	30	S-1	PRA
<u>19:46:32</u>		20:00	STATION ID	10	CG	VSI
		20:00P	<u>HOME SHOPPING NETWORK</u>	60:00		
		20:20	<u>BREAK 41</u>			
			HSN	30	NET	NET
<u>20:22:40</u>	<u>20:23:10</u>		BOSCOV'S	30	C-5	CM
<u>20:23:10</u>	<u>20:26:10</u>		NEWS TO YOU	3:00	PA-34	PSA
<u>20:26:10</u>	<u>20:27:10</u>		LINE DANCE	60	PI-12	PI
<u>20:27:15</u>		20:30	STATION ID	10	CG	VSI
		20:53	<u>BREAK 42</u>			
			HSN	60	NET	NET
<u>20:53:57</u>	<u>20:54:27</u>		BOSCOV'S	30	C-5	CM
<u>20:54:27</u>	<u>20:54:57</u>		CHEF ALAN'S	30	C-12	CM
<u>20:54:59</u>		21:00	STATION ID	10	CG	VSI

-7-

STANDARD TIME

DATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 1993

ACTUAL TIME		SCHEDULED	PROGRAM	LENGTH	SOURCE	TYPE
START	FINISH	TIME				
		21:00P	<u>HOME SHOPPING NETWORK</u>	60:00		
		21:20	<u>BREAK 43</u>			
			HSN	30	NET	NET
<u>21:21:58</u>	<u>21:22:28</u>		BOSCOV'S	30	C-5	CM
<u>21:22:28</u>	<u>21:25:28</u>		EDERLY REPORT	3:00	PA-31	PSA
<u>21:25:28</u>	<u>21:26:28</u>		J. O'REILLY (3)/GORDON PHILLIPS (2)	60	C-3	CM
<u>21:26:35</u>		21:30	STATION ID	10	CG	VSI
		21:50	<u>BREAK 44</u>			
			HSN	60	NET	NET
<u>21:55:58</u>	<u>21:56:28</u>		BOSCOV'S	30	C-5	CM
<u>21:56:28</u>	<u>21:56:58</u>		CRIME STOPPERS	30	PA-3	PSA
<u>21:27:07</u>		22:00	STATION ID	10	CG	VSI
		22:00	<u>HOME SHOPPING NETWORK</u>	60:00		
		22:20	<u>BREAK 45</u>			
			HSN	30	NET	NET
<u>22:22:01</u>	<u>22:23:31</u>		COMMUNITY CALENDAR	90	PA-4	PSA
<u>22:23:31</u>	<u>22:26:31</u>		NEWS TO YOU	3:00	PA-33	PSA
<u>22:26:40</u>		23:30	STATION ID	10	CG	VSI
		22:50	<u>BREAK 46</u>			
			HSN	60	NET	NET
<u>22:45:21</u>	<u>22:45:51</u>		BOSCOV'S	30	C-5	CM
<u>22:45:51</u>	<u>22:46:21</u>		T.E.C. NETWORK	30	PA-21	PSA
<u>22:46:30</u>		23:00	STATION ID	10	CG	VSI
		23:00	<u>HOME SHOPPING NETWORK</u>	60:00		
		23:20	<u>BREAK 47</u>			
			HSN	30	NET	NET
<u>23:22:40</u>	<u>23:23:10</u>		BOSCOV'S	30	C-5	CM
<u>23:23:10</u>	<u>23:25:10</u>		ORIGINAL MACE	2:00	PI-31	PI
<u>23:25:10</u>	<u>23:26:10</u>		BILL ELLIOT	60	PI-17	PI
<u>23:26:10</u>	<u>23:27:10</u>		HUMANE SOCIETY	60	PA-13	PSA
<u>23:27:14</u>		23:30	STATION ID	10	CG	VSI
		23:58	<u>BREAK 48</u>			
			HSN	60	NET	NET
<u>23:59:00</u>	<u>23:59:30</u>		BOSCOV'S	30	C-5	CM
<u>23:59:30</u>	<u>00:00:00</u>		RMF	30	PA-16	PSA
<u>00:00:05</u>		23:59:50	STATION ID	10	CG	VSI

-8-

HEADLINES FROM THE READING EAGLE

March 11, 1993

Page 1

Souder guilty of molesting two boys

March 12, 1993

Page 1

Berks gears for March blizzard

Aspin puts 165 bases in cross hairs

Page B1

Unions object to prison labor

Casey challenged on appointment

March 13, 1993

Page 1

Monster blizzard due

Realty values in mail

Page 4

Red Cross issues safety warnings

March 14, 1993

Page 1

Blizzard pounds region; winds, drifting forecast

Page 2

Wind could foil Big Dig out

Shelter extends operating hours

Page 3

Entire East Coast being pummeled

FBI says standoff unlikely to end soon

Page C1

Biggest blizzard? Time will tell

Superstorm spawns big shutdown

READING EAGLE

P.M. EDITION

THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 1993

REGIONAL PAPER

737 S. SINGAPORE



Whitney Houston



Garth Brooks

Three stars, nature film in doubles

9th "People's Choice Awards" honor Goldberg, Turner, Brooks, "Few of Men," many others. cl tribute goes to eers."

our news services

LOS ANGELES — Kevin Whooop Goldberg, Garth Brooks and the feature film "A Good Man" were all double stars at the 19th annual People's Choice Awards.

The winners were announced by a CBS-TV telecast Tuesday. Hosts of the show were Jane Seymour and John T. The program also included a tribute to "Cheers," the running hit comedy that is off the air at the end of this on.

Winners were determined by a poll of more than 5,000 postalists who were asked to vote for their favorite music, TV shows, movies.

he winners were:

COMEDY SERIES: "Home Improvement" (ABC)

DRAMATIC SERIES: "L.A. Law" (NBC)

TV COMEDY SERIES: "The Simpsons" (Fox)

TV DRAMATIC SERIES: "The X-Files" (Fox)

ME SERIAL: (TNT) "The X-Files" (Fox)

TV PERFORMER: Tim Allen (ABC)

TV ACTRESS: Carol O'Connell (ABC)

TV ACTRESS: Carol O'Connell (ABC)

TV ACTRESS: Carol O'Connell (ABC)

TV ACTRESS: Carol O'Connell (ABC)

TV ACTRESS: Carol O'Connell (ABC)

TV ACTRESS: Carol O'Connell (ABC)

TV ACTRESS: Carol O'Connell (ABC)

TV ACTRESS: Carol O'Connell (ABC)

TV ACTRESS: Carol O'Connell (ABC)

TV ACTRESS: Carol O'Connell (ABC)

TV ACTRESS: Carol O'Connell (ABC)

TV ACTRESS: Carol O'Connell (ABC)

TV ACTRESS: Carol O'Connell (ABC)

TV ACTRESS: Carol O'Connell (ABC)

TV ACTRESS: Carol O'Connell (ABC)

TV ACTRESS: Carol O'Connell (ABC)

TV ACTRESS: Carol O'Connell (ABC)

TV ACTRESS: Carol O'Connell (ABC)

TV ACTRESS: Carol O'Connell (ABC)

TV ACTRESS: Carol O'Connell (ABC)

TV ACTRESS: Carol O'Connell (ABC)

TV ACTRESS: Carol O'Connell (ABC)

TV ACTRESS: Carol O'Connell (ABC)

TV ACTRESS: Carol O'Connell (ABC)

TV ACTRESS: Carol O'Connell (ABC)

TV ACTRESS: Carol O'Connell (ABC)

TV ACTRESS: Carol O'Connell (ABC)

TV ACTRESS: Carol O'Connell (ABC)

TV ACTRESS: Carol O'Connell (ABC)

TV ACTRESS: Carol O'Connell (ABC)

TV ACTRESS: Carol O'Connell (ABC)

TV ACTRESS: Carol O'Connell (ABC)

TV ACTRESS: Carol O'Connell (ABC)

TV ACTRESS: Carol O'Connell (ABC)

TV ACTRESS: Carol O'Connell (ABC)



Above, Dr. David Gunn is shown in this Jan. 23 file photo protesting an anti-abortion demonstration. Right, Michael Griffin has been jailed in the shooting of Gunn during an anti-abortion protest Wednesday.



Associated Press

Activist jailed in killing asks to keep Bible

Man who reportedly confessed to shooting of doctor at Florida abortion clinic wants to be his own lawyer.

Associated Press

PENACOLA, Fla. — An attorney for who reportedly admitted shooting a doctor outside an abortion clinic asked a judge today to let him keep his Bible in jail as a legal document.

Escambia County Court Judge William J. Green ordered Michael Frederick Griffin held without bond in the Wednesday shooting.

The slaying of Dr. David Gunn was the first over reported of a pro-life protest. Abortion-rights activists called it an example of growing extremism in the pro-life movement.

At the hearing, Griffin told the judge that he wanted to be his own attorney and, "I would like to keep my Bible as one of my legal documents." The judge said those requests should be taken up with the jail administrator.

While about a dozen demonstrators picketed the clinic entrance, Gunn was shot three times after getting out of his car near the back door, police said.

"The guy just went up, chased Dr. Gunn and just shot him point blank," a witness, Steve Powell, told The News Herald.

Griffin, 31, was charged with murder after walking around the building and surrendering to police.

watching the protest, Sgt. Murray Bell said.

Griffin was dressed in a grey suit "like he was going to church," when he told the officers, "I'm just that Dr. Gunn," said John Bart, a law professor who led the protest.

On Wednesday, Griffin had a prayer for the doctor at the Whitefield Assembly of God Church outside Pensacola, Bart said.

"He asked that the congregation pray, and asked that we would agree with him that Dr. Gunn would give his life to Jesus Christ," Bart said. "He wanted him to stop doing things the Bible says is wrong and start doing what the Bible says is right."

Appearing on CNN television this morning, pro-life leader Randall Terry, who founded Operation Rescue, described the killing as an "inappropriate, repulsive act," but then went on to attack Gunn as a murderer.

"While we grieve for him and for his widow and for his children, we must also grieve for the thousands of children that he has murdered," Terry said.

Kate Nicholson, president of the National Abortion Rights Action League, charged Gunn's killing was the direct result of the pro-life movement's tactics and a "campaign of intolerance and violence."

Gunn, a 47-year-old father of two, worked at women's clinics in three states. Friends said he was committed to ensuring women had access to abortions — even in conservative areas where no other doctors would perform them.

More Yeltsin powers pared by hard-liners

Communist-dominated Russian Congress also curbs national referendum.

From our news service

MOSCOW — Russia's Communist-dominated Congress voted today to strip President Boris Yeltsin of some of his powers and curbed a national referendum he had called in a bid to cement his power.

In a series of votes, hard-line lawmakers signaled their unwillingness to resolve the power struggle that has paralyzed the government for months and put Yeltsin's already shaky political future in greater jeopardy.

Communists wanted to strip Yeltsin of powers he had inherited from the Soviet Union, but they feared the president would use his powers to undermine the Communist Party's influence.

It was at that session that Yeltsin proposed holding a referendum to let the people decide whether to keep the current constitution or to draft a new one.

But today, the assembly's Communist-dominated Congress voted to strip Yeltsin of powers he had inherited from the Soviet Union, but they feared the president would use his powers to undermine the Communist Party's influence.

Yeltsin's powers were further reduced when the Congress voted to strip him of his power to rule by decree, which he had used to implement costly market-oriented reforms and to curb the influence of the Communist Party.



Pro-Communist demonstrators chant anti-Yeltsin slogans as delegates pass by to enter the Kremlin. The left banner reads "We are for the Constitution of the USSR," and the right banner says "We are for the Constitution of the USSR."

Associated Press

The measures passed today do not spell out the president's remaining powers. Nor do they specify what freedom Yeltsin would have to appoint prime ministers or other Cabinet members.

It was not clear what further steps Yeltsin might take to try to reassert his authority, but Yeltsin's spokesman Vladimir Lukin said that the president had personally shaken hands with the ministers of defense, security and interior on entering the Kremlin.

In Washington, Monday report of today the United States was reacting with nervous discomfort to an informal request from Yeltsin for Western political support if he were to assume emergency powers in his struggle with hard-liners, administration officials confirmed.

Such a move would be considered "extreme," said one U.S. official. It could not be determined whether President Clinton has responded directly to Yeltsin.

While the Clinton administration favors democratic reform and human rights and wants to encourage Yeltsin to overcome Russia's economic crisis, it has stopped short of endorsing outright public disapproval because there is sympathy with Yeltsin's problems, sources said.

OBE struggle is unlikely to fade away

House education chairman expresses doubts that newly proposed compromise on seven disputed graduation requirements will satisfy opponents.

By Peter L. DeCorty

Staff Writer

HARRISBURG — Consistent past misinterpretations of OBE-based Education by its opponents pose doubts whether any proposed compromise will stop attempts to repeal the reforms, the State Board of Education was told Wednesday.

Rep. Ronald E. Coveill, an Allegheny County Democrat who chairs the House Education Committee, referred to what he called two of the most outrageous opponents have lashed to OBE — critics of a three-option telephone call plan and Earth Day.

"For those who believe Earth Day is an annual ritual to worship rats and trees," Coveill said, "and for those people who think their optics is part of a conspiracy by educators to control kids ... I don't think they will ever be satisfied."

President OBE opponent Anita Bogan, an Allegheny County education analyst, has claimed Bell of Pennsylvania and the Pennsylvania Telephone Association plans to launch three-option cables across the state will harm industry profits and allow educators to program children.

Hope could not be reached for a response. Coveill did not identify the OBE opponents who criticized Earth Day.

The OBE reform package, most of which is already in force, requires districts to submit plans showing how students will be required to demonstrate mastery of 15 learning outcomes before they can graduate.

The regulations also require districts to show how they will assess

See OBE, Page A1

Souder guilty of molesting two boys

By Kelly Horman

Staff Writer

Dianne D. Souder was brought to learn Wednesday on hearing her conviction by a Berks County jury on charges of molesting two boys over a two-year period in her Union Township farmhouse.

After 45 minutes of deliberations, the jury brought in the conviction. Souder, 32, went as jury foreman Larry R. Kirk announced she was guilty of all charges involving an 8-year-old and three charges involving a 6-year-old.

The boys' identities are being withheld by the Reading Eagle and the Reading Times.

The jury convicted Souder on charges of rape, statutory rape, indecent exposure and involuntary deviate sexual intercourse involving sexual intercourse, indecent exposure, and two counts each of indecent assault, simple assault and terroristic threat.

Souder, of the first block of Firstover Road, was acquitted of rape, statutory rape, indecent exposure and involuntary deviate sexual intercourse involving the 6-year-old.

Ladgate found the defendant and guilty of a summary charge of harassment. Ladgate issued Souder's bail to \$75,000 from \$50,000 at the request of Assistant District Attorney Ivan C. Doughterty. In the event bail is paid, Ladgate ordered that Souder have no contact with the boys.

Souder's lawyer, Assistant

Public Defender Charles D. Younger, said he will appeal.

Ladgate set arguments for appeal and possible sentencing for May 17.

"The (Doughterty) didn't spend the job, and the jury came in the right conclusion," said Trooper Lee G. May, the prosecutor, said.

"The jury saw through her smoke screen and believed the boys," District Attorney Mark C.

See Souder, Page A1

COMING TOMORROW

Russian art on display

"St. Petersburg Festival" will be on display at the Reading Public Museum beginning Sunday. The show will include "Christmas Night" by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky. Opening Friday in the Week and section.

INSIDE TODAY

Suspect in blast known as bomber

The Palestinian-American arrested in the World Trade Center bombing is believed to have the knowledge to mix explosives. Like the first suspect arrested, officials charged Khalid Fayed, left, with aiding and abetting in the bombing. Page A3

WEATHER

FRIDAY:

Cold but sunny

Details on Page A2

INDEN

Today's edition 4 sections

Advice	C2	Crosswords	C12	Lottery	A2
Arts/Entertainment	B1	D13	Obituaries	C6	
Bridge	C8	Daily digest	B7	People	D12
Business	D7	Editorials	B12	Police log	B6
Classified	C7	Entertainment	D12	Sports	D1
Comics	D11	Horoscopes	D11	State news	B1
Community log	B2	U.S. News	C1	Television	D13

Copyright 1993 Reading Eagle Company. All Rights Reserved.

FOR MORE DETAILS, CALL 376-9303

READING EAGLE P.M. EDITION

FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 1993

READING, PA.

45¢ SINGLE COPY

Berks gears for March blizzard

Aspin puts 165 bases in cross hairs

■ Proposal would close 31 military installations while realigning or scaling back 134 others. Philadelphia hard hit; Fort Indiantown Gap spared.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Les Aspin today proposed shutting down 31 major military installations and realigning or scaling back 134 others. The plan is certain to raise economic anxieties in many states across the country.

Among the major facilities on the list are Fort McChesney in Alabama, the Navy Island Naval Shipyard and Naval Station Treasure Island in California, the Charleston Naval Shipyard in South Carolina and the Naval Station in Staten Island, N.Y.

Aspin said base closures have failed to keep pace with overall reductions in defense budgets, which reached nearly \$200 billion in the late 1980s but are expected to fall to around \$220 billion under President Clinton's five-year plan.

"Failure to close bases in line with reductions in budgets and personnel constitutes a double hit. Resources are drained into those we don't need, and therefore are not available to buy the things we need," Aspin said in the official statement accompanying the list.

The secretary estimated that the closings and realignments will add up to about \$1.1 billion in savings per year beginning in 2000. The 1993 list, coupled with previous base closures in 1988 and 1991, will mean annual savings of \$5.5 billion.



Philadelphia's Fort Mifflin, a part of the Army's Fort Indiantown Gap complex, is being spared from closure, but its future is uncertain, to be decided Thursday in the Senate.

California, which is suffering from a severe unemployment rate, takes the heaviest hit. The state's military jobs and 15,107 civilian jobs. The state's military jobs and 15,107 civilian jobs. The state's military jobs and 15,107 civilian jobs.

Center in San Diego alone would mean the loss of 1,500 military jobs and 400 civilian jobs.

San Diego's Fort Meade, a major Army installation, is being spared from closure, but its future is uncertain, to be decided Thursday in the Senate.

Fort Meade, a major Army installation, is being spared from closure, but its future is uncertain, to be decided Thursday in the Senate.

Fort Meade, a major Army installation, is being spared from closure, but its future is uncertain, to be decided Thursday in the Senate.

■ A quick-moving, extremely intense storm arriving early Saturday, with possibly the lowest barometric pressure in a century, could present Berks Countians with the most severe winter storm of their lifetimes.

By Bill Bradley and Bruce Posten

Staff Writers

A storm with potential of turning into a blizzard packing 50 mph winds, limiting visibility to less than a quarter of a mile and dumping more than a foot of drifting snow is expected to begin cloaking Berks County early Saturday.

"This is a very major storm, to say the very least," Thomas H. Kline, a senior meteorologist with Accu-Weather 44 State College, reported today. "It has the potential of being a once-in-50-year or a once-in-100-year storm."

Kline said the storm, gathering power over the Gulf of Mexico late this morning and expected to intensify quickly as it heads toward the Northeast, should hit Berks shortly after midnight.

He said before it moves on, the storm could leave behind between 6 and 10 inches of snow, depending on its track and the temperature.

"Right now, it looks like snow will continue throughout the day on Saturday," Kline said. "And there's going to be some pretty strong winds as well, which may exceed 50 mph in places."

Kline noted that the National Weather Service defines a blizzard as a major snowstorm accompanied by high winds which limit visibility to under a quarter of a mile.

"Based on that definition," he said, "it's very possible that this is going to be a blizzard."

The meteorologist said the snow could turn to sleet and rain late Saturday afternoon, depending on temperatures which will lower near the freezing mark. He added that the precipitation will revert back to snow.

See B10, Page A2

■ Major storm threatening wide area of country. — See Page A2

Consumers will still pay for TMI cleanup

■ PUC orders up to \$8.3 million in dismantling costs can be passed on yearly to utility customers.

By Mark Abrams

Capital Press

Metropolitan Edison Co. customers will have to continue indefinitely contributing up to \$8.3 million a year to cover costs of dismantling the damaged Three Mile Island Unit 1 reactor, the state Public Utility Commission ruled Thursday.

In a 2-1 vote on a Met-Ed appeal from an earlier decision, Commissioner David W.

Kolts and Wendell Holland agreed the company could begin collecting the money, on top of regular rate bills, in late 1994, after customers finish paying off construction costs for the nuclear plant.

However, as a result of other PUC decisions and factors, Met-Ed bills will decrease this year by as much as \$14 million.

Among the factors in the decrease are lower energy costs. Beginning in April or May, average residential customers using 500 kilowatt hours a month will see a 1 percent decrease or 30 cents, dropping bills to \$65.12 from \$65.47.

PUC Commissioner Joseph Rhodes Jr. voted

against the Met-Ed request, citing reconsideration of the panel's January decision was required.

Rhodes, PUC board chairman who had sided with Rhodes in January against the Met-Ed request, said he felt it was appropriate to review the case and balance the interests of both ratepayers and the company.

Irvin A. Popovsky, state consumer advocate, vowed to appeal the case to Commonwealth Court.

PUC made a series of decisions on Met-Ed. It set aside a \$91 million rate increase, which was to go into effect Jan. 22, and reduced it to \$40.5 million.

■ Restored the company's plan to extend from August to the end of 1994 the collection from customers of about \$2 million in costs to build TMI-2. In its January decision, the PUC had rejected that proposal.

■ Agreed that when the construction costs are collected, those charges will be deducted from the rate base and \$5.3 million will be added to account for the anticipated costs to dismantle TMI-2 in the next century.

■ Approved the company's plan to reduce energy charges by \$13.5 million and take \$11.7 million in losses collected as a separate item and put them into base rates.

REASSESSMENT

What It Means To You

Hidden's the boss, at least for 1 hour

Pro-unionist? — U.S. Rep. The Hidden boss is off to work 10 hours, but actually the boss is the union. The union is the boss. The union is the boss. The union is the boss.

Weiners closes doors after 89 years in city

By Bob Charbonnet

Weiners Men's Clothing, the small, old-fashioned downtown store, closed its doors for the last time Thursday.

MOVING TOMORROW

Balancing act isn't easy

The biggest change in women's lives is the number of choices available to them. But the choices can be overwhelming as women try to balance their lives, jobs and families. Coming Saturday in the Liberty section.

INSIDE TODAY

Yeltsin storms from Congress

Russian leader Boris Yeltsin walked out of Congress today after lawmakers refused to cede a resolution limiting his powers. Yeltsin now may ask for a plebiscite to settle the power dispute that's splitting the country. Page A3

WEATHER

SATURDAY: Blizzard conditions

Details on Page A2

INDEX

Today's edition: 3 sections plus Weekend

Advice	W10	Court log	B12	Obituaries	B9
Barbabbeyond	B1	Crosswords	C8	People	B6
Bridges	B8	Daily stock	B12	Police log	W10
Business	A12	Editorials	B8	Sports	C1
Classified	B9	Horoscopes	B8	State news	B4
Comics	B8	Lobby	A2	Television	W15
Community log	B2				

Engle Link category list... Page A13

© 1993 Reading Eagle Company. All Rights Reserved.

FOR HOME DELIVERY, CALL 376-0303

earner returning last year recovery point after 18 months with benefits now month — while the pay returning in the 60 months.

sured by Bruce J. Jent and Arthur Life Insurance Co. and s. former chief actuary county Administration.

arians are living longer, e them more time to col- is the retirement age for city benefits is also going d have lapsed in more ng longer. The retirement d to increase gradually ag 67 for workers born in

anic 200

noaque in Ayodhya. More were killed in that vio-

r Sharad Pawar, the i who gave the official in the bombings, laid e of explosions in India's appeared to be a deliber- ated panic.

speculate on who might

ine in the whole of Bom- reet Kaur, 25, a stock- ick opposite the stock dy has had time to think orrible. People have been id out what happened and

be perfect planning" for r, Pawar said. He told res- of 12 million people to be re more bombs, to lock their e basements of tall build-

lets — the Contour Hotel port and Searock Hotel in s from the city center — d some minister, S.B. Chame- the car bombs were "national conspiracy" to Bombay. He did not elabo-

people were killed in the Building, including some d in a stampede of people the streets, Press Trust of

nd mutilated bod- the 23-story Air ess Trust said.

P

P

P

14, United Times
5/3/92, 1A10S

If you have a news tip, call 371-6000
Nightly city editor: Nicholas S. Vass, 371-5000
Day city editor: Deborah M. Martin, 371-5000

BERKS & BEYOND

Editorial / B6
Sports / B6
Obituary / B6
Classified / B6

B

MARK ABRAMS



His recipe for future: volunteer

When it comes to promoting volunteerism in the local business community, few can match the drive of Metropolitan Edison Co. president Fred Hafer.

He is a roll-up-your-sleeves kind of guy who practices what he preaches.

For his outstanding professional achievements and exceptional leadership in community service, Alvernia College recently presented Hafer with an honorary doctorate of humane letters.

Hafer, a humble man who was moved by the horror, said the recognition is a reflection of a growing awareness of the importance of community service on the part of corporations as well as individuals.

Alvernia, which has a community-service requirement built into its student curriculum, is setting the pace for young people, Hafer said.

In the business community, he said, corporate leaders are starting to pick up on the spirit of volunteerism and are strongly encouraging their employees to get involved in the community. Corporate sponsorship of groups and events also is emerging, Hafer said.

It's extremely timely because of President Clinton's push in this area," Hafer said.

Clinton has picked up on the message of the late President John F. Kennedy, who asked Americans not to look to the country to do for them, but to themselves and each other for what they can do for their country and communities.

Hafer said Clinton's call of college students to national service as teachers or police officers after graduation, in exchange for tuition forgiveness, is reminiscent of the Peace Corps challenge of the Kennedy administration.

But, the Met-Ed executive noted, the seeds of volunteerism may have been planted during the Bush administration, when the "Thousand Points of Light" campaign sought to recognize those groups and individuals who gave of their time and talents to benefit others.

"I get a sense society is beginning to recognize we can't live in a 'me generation' kind of world," Hafer said. "We need to take responsibility for ourselves and have greater accountability. We have to recognize what role we play in this whole patchwork quilt of society."

Berks Countians, Hafer said, already have a strong tradition of community consciousness, in comparison to many other areas of the country. That tradition, he said, is expanding, thanks to a growing awareness among young people of the need to give something back.

"We got into a period where young people had this notion that you graduate from college, then amass the biggest fortune you can without regard to anything else going on around you," Hafer said. "I'm glad to see we're changing."

He said it's time for society to stop engaging in a blame game when things don't work out the way some people feel they should. The common remedy has been to file a lawsuit against an individual or corporation to punish the person or entity financially for some perceived wrong, Hafer said.

It's time for people to awaken to a realization that we are in this together and it's up to us to do the best we can to make our lives, our jobs, our families and our communities work, Hafer said.

When future generations look back on this time, the Met-Ed chief added, he hopes they will classify it as the start of the accountability generation. It is a time, he said, when society must empower itself to meet the challenges and opportunities as it approaches the dawn of a new century.

Mark Abrams is an Eagle/Times reporter. His column appears each Friday in the Reading Eagle and Haverhill Times.

Unions object to prison labor

Couple gets top award of United Way

Several other individuals, groups and organizations are honored at the agency's annual awards dinner attended by 600 people.

James M. and Anna M. Connors of Greenfield became the second couple Thursday to receive the top annual award of the United Way of Berks County.

During a dinner attended by more than 600 people in the Sheraton Inn, Wyomissing, the Connors accepted the Wilbur H. Dorn Award for excellence and consistency of service to the community.

Except in 1991, when T. Jerome and Carolyn Hallman received the award, it had always gone to an individual.

The Connors were co-chairmen in 1990 of a community fund-raising campaign and, in the last edition of it, they personally solicited a \$260,000 contribution.

Connors, who founded Connors Investor Service, Wyomissing, in 1980, said they were supported by the United Way of America in a commitment to establish and define the role of the Northeast Regional Council of the national organization.

It will give that local United Way a greater voice in governing the national body.

Mrs. Connors, a United Way volunteer since 1976, served with the Berks Township PTA and received an annual YWCA Transmitter award for outstanding women achievers.

Other honorees Thursday included the Frank R. Palmer Award for corporate commitment to a local community through support of United Way programs.

Per computer employing more than 200 people, it was a tie for the Palmer award between American Corp. Inc. and Pender Truss Ltd., Leesport.

The winner for corporate employing less than 200 people was Thomas Hardware Parts & Parts.

Baldwin Hardware Corp. and Yuba Hardware Inc. tied for the Outstanding Professionalism Award.

Award for companies with more than 200 employees was Eastern Machine Products Inc. took the award from companies with less than 200.

The Hallmans were given the Tradition Award for outstanding philanthropic achievement.

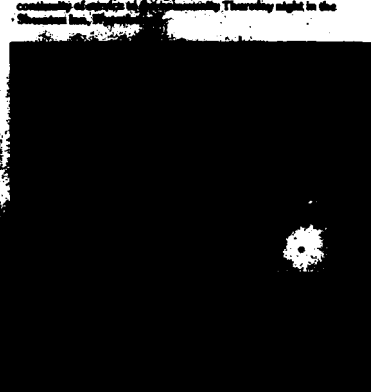
part of the United Way's leadership giving program, it put up \$20,000 in challenge-match money to encourage contributions.

Winners of the Presidential Recognition Award for outstanding and consistent support were Computer Corp. Inc., AT&T Microelectronics, Meridian Corp., Metropolitan Edison Co., Gilbert Associates, Arrow International, Beacon's Inc., GPU Service, CNA Insurance and Parish Division of the United Church of Christ.

See United Way, Page B7



James M. and Anna M. Connors of Greenfield received the United Way of Berks County's Wilbur H. Dorn award for excellence and consistency of service to the community Thursday night in the Sheraton Inn, Wyomissing.



United Way of Berks County's annual awards dinner was held Thursday night at the Sheraton Inn in Wyomissing. From left: Frank R. Palmer Awards were presented to American Corp. Inc. and Pender Truss Ltd. by William Leary for Meridian Bancorp. and Baldwin Hardware representing Pender Truss Ltd. Leary is an assistant branch manager and Wase is training manager.

Panel targets fears about OBE 'values'

During a cable TV program, Berks educators say Outcome-Based Education will endeavor only to reinforce traditional family principles.

By Peter L. DeCoursey

A panel of three Berks County educators told a cable television audience Thursday that the "values" which schools would build on and nurture under state Outcome-Based Education reforms are the same as those taught by parents and communities.

"We are not teaching any new values, and the regulations don't mandate new state or national values," Dr. Larry Schmidt, Coard Weiser School District assistant superintendent, said on the "Wake Up America" program, hosted by Jack Micho, for the Alternative Cable TV network.

"We are just reinforcing good old family and Christian values," Schmidt said during the live BerksCable broadcast in ACT's West Haverhill studio.

But Schmidt's assertion was challenged by a caller, who was only identified as "Bill."

"We aren't allowed to teach Christianity and Christian values in schools, and if we can't teach Christianity, are we going to teach humanism?" the caller asked.

"Public education has always included values education," said Dr. Lewis C. Culbert, assistant superintendent in the District

superintendent, said on the "Wake Up America" program, hosted by Jack Micho, for the Alternative Cable TV network.

"We are just reinforcing good old family and Christian values," Schmidt said during the live BerksCable broadcast in ACT's West Haverhill studio.

But Schmidt's assertion was challenged by a caller, who was only identified as "Bill."

"We aren't allowed to teach Christianity and Christian values in schools, and if we can't teach Christianity, are we going to teach humanism?" the caller asked.

"Public education has always included values education," said Dr. Lewis C. Culbert, assistant superintendent in the District



Jack Micho voiced opposition to OBE.

Beaver School District, which has used outcome-based programs for several years.

See OBE, Page B7

Casey challenged on appointment

The Berks County Republican commissioners say Carlin I. Taney Jr. should finish the unexpired term in the prothonotary's office. The governor has nominated G. Roderick Snyder, a Robesonia lawyer.

By Mark Nemirew

The Berks County commissioners Thursday voted 4-1 to send a letter to all state senators, asking them not to approve the nomination of G. Roderick Snyder as county prothonotary.

Commissioners Glenn H. Reber and Ernie Miller supported the move, arguing that acting prothonotary Carlin I. Taney Jr. deserves to keep the job until a new prothonotary is elected in November.

Despite a letter from all three commissioners in support of Taney, Gov. Robert F. Casey nominated Snyder, a Robesonia

"Clearly, if there's politics in this, the governor injected them."

Glenn B. Reber
Berks commissioner

attorney and a Democrat, to fill the unexpired term of Thomas W. Gajewski. Taney also is a Democrat.

Gajewski is now the chief Washington aide of U.S. Rep. Tim Holden, a Schuylkill County Democrat who represents Berks.

Taney has been employed by the prothonotary's office for 26 years and served as chief deputy for more than 15 years.

Miller and Reber claimed no one else in Berks comes close to having Taney's qualifications.

Neither Taney nor Snyder is running for prothonotary.

The two Republican commissioners argued that replacing Taney for less than a

year would set back modernization efforts that Taney is spearheading in the prothonotary's office.

"We're not saying Snyder's not a competent man," said Reber. "But clearly Carlin is the person who most deserves the job."

Reber noted that he and Miller were criticized by the Berks County Republican Committee for backing Taney.

"Clearly, if there's politics in this, the governor injected them," Reber said. "This should be a merit appointment. The issue is qualifications."

Commissioner Anthony J. Carabello, a Democrat, said he agreed Taney is deserving, but said Snyder also is qualified and it is the governor's prerogative to appoint whomever he pleases.

Patricia Stein, an employee in the prothonotary's office, presented a letter of her own to the commissioners in support of Taney.

She said she attached to the letter the signatures of 37 Berks lawyers who favor retaining Taney.

Using inmates instead of paid employees to work on the expansion of the Berks County Prison prompts a decision by the Building and Trades Council to file a grievance.

By Mark Nemirew

Leaders of the Building and Trades Council of Greater Reading announced Thursday they plan to file a grievance against Berks County for using prisoners instead of paid employees to work on the \$7.5-million county prison expansion project.

The union group met with the county commissioners prior to their regular meeting.

In an often-heated exchange, union leaders sharply criticized prison construction manager SCM Inc. and the county, claiming the state's prevailing wage law was not followed.

County officials argued they had a right to keep prisoners busy while helping down the cost of the project.

Frederick J. Schultz, president of the Building and Trades Council, said SCM, Wornleyburg, Cumberland County, and Berks officials should not have allowed prisoners to clean up the construction site.

Schultz claimed state law requires that cleanup work at a construction site be done by workers paid at least the minimum wage set by the state for the job in question.

Berry W. Morgan, construction manager for the prison expansion, said the inmates were used to clean up some debris, and some of the contractors on the job took responsibility for having paid employees pick it up.

That practice stopped several months ago, Morgan said, because of concern for the prisoners' safety in the construction area. There are now two people paid to clean up the debris.

Morgan said, as construction manager, SCM is not obligated to follow the prevailing wage law. He said the law applies only to contractors.

Schultz disagreed with Morgan's interpretation.

The union leaders said also they were going to file a grievance against the county for using prisoners to unload trucks and assemble new prison furniture.

County Commissioner Glenn B. Reber argued the county has every right to use prisoners to unload trucks at the prison. He said the county has used prisoners for this task for many years and would continue the practice.

"That is our policy because it saves the taxpayers' money," Reber said, raising his voice.

"You're taking taxpayers' jobs away and giving them to prisoners," Schultz snapped back.

Reber asked the union leaders if they would prefer to have prisoners sit in their cells and do nothing.

Members of the union group responded that on new construction jobs such as the prison expansion, the county is required by law to pay the prevailing rate for moving and putting together furniture, and for cleanup work.

They said if the county uses prisoners for work on a new construction project, the inmates must be paid based on the state pay scale.

Otherwise, the union leaders said, the county should give the prisoners something else to do that does not take away a job to which a local worker is entitled.

County employees complain that some are left idle in convalescent center garage.

See Page B2

READING EAGLE

Reading Times

a.m. MARKS

SATURDAY, March 13, 1993

Reading, Pa.

35¢ single copy

YOUR WEEKEND

Weather



Today
Snow



Sunday
Partly
Clear

Details/A5

Sports

■ **Schoenly's basketball:** District 3-AAA boys championship — Central Catholic vs. Columbia, Haverhill, today, 8 p.m.

■ **Running:** 10K Run for St. Patty's 10-Miler, Leopot Farm's Market, today, 10:30 a.m.

Entertainment

■ **Exhibition:** A look at the traditional side of Russian art will be held Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. at the Reading Public Museum. The show is entitled: "St. Petersburg Russian: The Unbroken Tradition."

Inside a.m. Berks

Religion: UCC members celebrate installation of their new executive minister.

Page A9

Lifestyle: The biggest change in women's lives are the choices available to them.

Page C1

Sports: Muhlenberg's Denton Quirk sets PIAA swim record in winning gold medal.

Page D1

Index

- Bridge / D18
- Business / D7
- Classified ads / C4
- Comics / B6,9
- Crossword puzzles / C7,9
- Doctet / B3
- Editorials, opinion / B5
- Entertainment / B6,9
- Horoscopes / B6,9
- Lifestyle / C1
- Obituaries / C4
- Police log / B3
- Religion / A9
- Sports / D1
- Television / B7

Lottery

Story Page B4

Daily 2 5 6
Big Four 2 5 2 2
Wild Card Lotto 22 23 32 37 44 45
Wild Card: 21

Coming Sunday

■ While thousands of Outcomes-Based Education opponents are expected to storm the Capitol on Monday to win its repeal, the real key to passage for the legislature is the support of Gov. Robert P. Casey. Staff writer Peter L. DeCoursey analyzes the politics of passage for OBE.

Monster blizzard due

■ County workers prepare to plow roads and make storm repairs as Accu-Weather meteorologist predicts at least 12 inches of snow will fall on Berks.

From our news staff

Berks County residents spent Friday morning for a major winter blizzard today, as Accu-Weather meteorologist predicted a "monster storm" would hit the county.

The storm, which is expected to arrive in the afternoon, will bring heavy snow to the county, with totals of 12 to 18 inches possible. The storm is expected to bring heavy snow to the county, with totals of 12 to 18 inches possible.

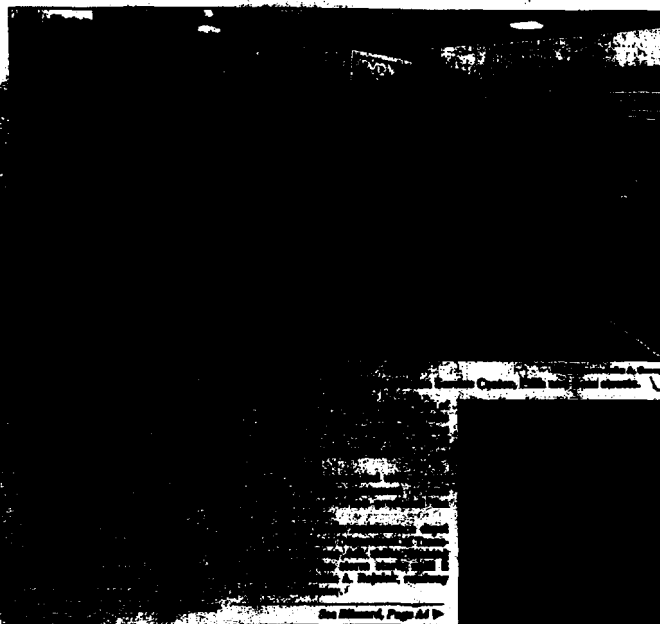
The storm is expected to bring heavy snow to the county, with totals of 12 to 18 inches possible. The storm is expected to bring heavy snow to the county, with totals of 12 to 18 inches possible.

The storm is expected to bring heavy snow to the county, with totals of 12 to 18 inches possible. The storm is expected to bring heavy snow to the county, with totals of 12 to 18 inches possible.

The storm is expected to bring heavy snow to the county, with totals of 12 to 18 inches possible. The storm is expected to bring heavy snow to the county, with totals of 12 to 18 inches possible.

The storm is expected to bring heavy snow to the county, with totals of 12 to 18 inches possible. The storm is expected to bring heavy snow to the county, with totals of 12 to 18 inches possible.

The storm is expected to bring heavy snow to the county, with totals of 12 to 18 inches possible. The storm is expected to bring heavy snow to the county, with totals of 12 to 18 inches possible.



See B11, Page A1

Realty values in mail

■ More than 126,000 notices are mailed to Berks County property owners Friday afternoon informing them of their new real estate tax assessments.

By Mark Nemlow

Staff Writer

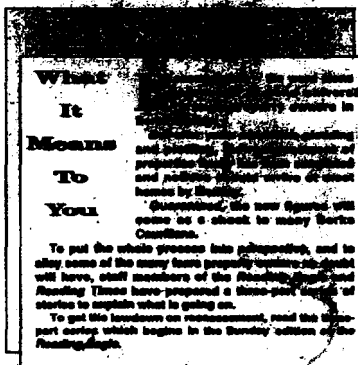
Reassessment notices are in the mail. More than 126,000 letters were mailed Friday afternoon informing Berks County property owners of their new assessments, which take effect next year.

Most property owners are expected to receive the notices today or Monday.

Property owners will have opportunities to appeal the assessments, informally through Call-Layer-Tumble Co., who performed the assessment, and formally through the county board of assessment appeals.

The mood in the Berks County Services Center was calm Friday, even as officials prepared themselves for the public's reaction to the numbers.

"It's revolutionary," Commissioner Anthony J. Caraballo said of reassessment. "It's never been done before. But I've been in the business of government and politics long enough. I don't get nervous."



Caraballo said he was happy to see the notices going out after more than three years of intense work. The commissioner said he has been an advocate for reassessment for more than 25 years, since he was a city councilman.

"I'm grateful we were able to meet the deadline," added Commissioner Glenn B. Fisher, who also was on the board when it decided early in 1990 to do the reassessment. "Just getting to today was a major effort."

The county had to put together its first set of complete property tax maps while doing its first-ever reassessment. No county in Pennsylvania ever attempted to do both massive jobs at the same time.

"This board of commissioners is hitting the ball and doing its job," said Caraballo, who is the last dissenting vote on the board on many other issues.

Angry Yeltsin to ask people who is to rule

■ The conflict between the Russian president and the parliament comes to a head after the legislature votes to reduce his powers.

By Mark Nemlow

Staff Writer

MOSCOW — The fragile balance of power in Russia shattered Friday as President Boris Yeltsin gave up hope of working with the reactionary legislature and announced he was leaving ahead of his own to hold a plebiscite on who should run the country.

Russia is now faced with an explosive situation in which two antagonistic power centers — the president and the parliament — will try to ignore each other and run the country independently.

"Unfortunately, we are now in a threshold of revolution and unpredictable situations," presidential adviser Sergei Shatalov told reporters Friday afternoon.

"The period of smooth reform is drawing to a close."

The long-simmering conflict over the scope and pace of reform exploded Friday morning, after the legislature voted to cancel a referendum on division of power — but agreed to in December — and to strip Yeltsin of some essential powers.

Yeltsin then walked out of the Kremlin Palace of Congress, followed by his cabinet.

"The president has said his last word to the Congress and will not return," spokesman Vyacheslav Kostikov told reporters. "He understands that there can be no dialogue with this Congress. He can't talk to the Congress. He will talk directly to the people."

Yeltsin advisers said the president, against the Congress' will, plans to move ahead with a plebiscite next month that will allow the public to express its opinion and that he likely will ignore the deadlock with the legislature.

Two questions will be on the ballot, plus will the voters favor a presidential republic and should people be allowed to buy and sell land?

If sanctioned by the legislature, the vote could not be regarded as legally binding. But a favorable outcome for Yeltsin would give him undeniable moral authority.

Admitting that the situation could become highly unstable if the Congress and conservative local parliaments try to block plans for the vote, but Yeltsin advisers said the president does not intend to introduce direct

See Yeltsin, Page A2

-aged

d, but they are unlikely to live for 3 years of life from it. Researchers studying the aging lifestyle on and cancer look at age or older. A few people get in numbers that are enough to count by the researchers. Subjects are able to heart disease and in large numbers also prone to a host of us do eventually, so if we save their lives by sing or not smoking, ing else at some point is o get them. If research- ing enough, that some- or will.

Walter C. Willett chair the department of nutri the Harvard School of Health. "We're really to prevent premature We're not trying to pre- ath. That's why Willett hat life expectancy gains aren't a useful way to waste health risks to the to doctors. Stopping by the age of 40 says reduces by half your of dying before the age

2.2 Your partner opens the next player passes you say? This is not the time to playman (convention). You e quads, balanced out and enough high card to respect new tricks at A lead split in trump a four quads even if a 4-4

South
North
AK7
WJ4
AK10985
AK5

West
AKJ85
WJ8762
AKJ32
AK5

South
Q83
Q83
AKJ1074

West North East
Pass 10 Pass
Pass 1NT Pass
All
Pass lead A-9
South 10-11-12-13-14-15-16-17-18-19-20-21-22-23-24-25-26-27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34-35-36-37-38-39-40-41-42-43-44-45-46-47-48-49-50-51-52-53-54-55-56-57-58-59-60-61-62-63-64-65-66-67-68-69-70-71-72-73-74-75-76-77-78-79-80-81-82-83-84-85-86-87-88-89-90-91-92-93-94-95-96-97-98-99-100-101-102-103-104-105-106-107-108-109-110-111-112-113-114-115-116-117-118-119-120-121-122-123-124-125-126-127-128-129-130-131-132-133-134-135-136-137-138-139-140-141-142-143-144-145-146-147-148-149-150-151-152-153-154-155-156-157-158-159-160-161-162-163-164-165-166-167-168-169-170-171-172-173-174-175-176-177-178-179-180-181-182-183-184-185-186-187-188-189-190-191-192-193-194-195-196-197-198-199-200-201-202-203-204-205-206-207-208-209-210-211-212-213-214-215-216-217-218-219-220-221-222-223-224-225-226-227-228-229-230-231-232-233-234-235-236-237-238-239-240-241-242-243-244-245-246-247-248-249-250-251-252-253-254-255-256-257-258-259-260-261-262-263-264-265-266-267-268-269-270-271-272-273-274-275-276-277-278-279-280-281-282-283-284-285-286-287-288-289-290-291-292-293-294-295-296-297-298-299-300-301-302-303-304-305-306-307-308-309-310-311-312-313-314-315-316-317-318-319-320-321-322-323-324-325-326-327-328-329-330-331-332-333-334-335-336-337-338-339-340-341-342-343-344-345-346-347-348-349-350-351-352-353-354-355-356-357-358-359-360-361-362-363-364-365-366-367-368-369-370-371-372-373-374-375-376-377-378-379-380-381-382-383-384-385-386-387-388-389-390-391-392-393-394-395-396-397-398-399-400-401-402-403-404-405-406-407-408-409-410-411-412-413-414-415-416-417-418-419-420-421-422-423-424-425-426-427-428-429-430-431-432-433-434-435-436-437-438-439-440-441-442-443-444-445-446-447-448-449-450-451-452-453-454-455-456-457-458-459-460-461-462-463-464-465-466-467-468-469-470-471-472-473-474-475-476-477-478-479-480-481-482-483-484-485-486-487-488-489-490-491-492-493-494-495-496-497-498-499-500-501-502-503-504-505-506-507-508-509-510-511-512-513-514-515-516-517-518-519-520-521-522-523-524-525-526-527-528-529-530-531-532-533-534-535-536-537-538-539-540-541-542-543-544-545-546-547-548-549-550-551-552-553-554-555-556-557-558-559-560-561-562-563-564-565-566-567-568-569-570-571-572-573-574-575-576-577-578-579-580-581-582-583-584-585-586-587-588-589-590-591-592-593-594-595-596-597-598-599-600-601-602-603-604-605-606-607-608-609-610-611-612-613-614-615-616-617-618-619-620-621-622-623-624-625-626-627-628-629-630-631-632-633-634-635-636-637-638-639-640-641-642-643-644-645-646-647-648-649-650-651-652-653-654-655-656-657-658-659-660-661-662-663-664-665-666-667-668-669-670-671-672-673-674-675-676-677-678-679-680-681-682-683-684-685-686-687-688-689-690-691-692-693-694-695-696-697-698-699-700-701-702-703-704-705-706-707-708-709-710-711-712-713-714-715-716-717-718-719-720-721-722-723-724-725-726-727-728-729-730-731-732-733-734-735-736-737-738-739-740-741-742-743-744-745-746-747-748-749-750-751-752-753-754-755-756-757-758-759-760-761-762-763-764-765-766-767-768-769-770-771-772-773-774-775-776-777-778-779-780-781-782-783-784-785-786-787-788-789-790-791-792-793-794-795-796-797-798-799-800-801-802-803-804-805-806-807-808-809-810-811-812-813-814-815-816-817-818-819-820-821-822-823-824-825-826-827-828-829-830-831-832-833-834-835-836-837-838-839-840-841-842-843-844-845-846-847-848-849-850-851-852-853-854-855-856-857-858-859-860-861-862-863-864-865-866-867-868-869-870-871-872-873-874-875-876-877-878-879-880-881-882-883-884-885-886-887-888-889-890-891-892-893-894-895-896-897-898-899-900-901-902-903-904-905-906-907-908-909-910-911-912-913-914-915-916-917-918-919-920-921-922-923-924-925-926-927-928-929-930-931-932-933-934-935-936-937-938-939-940-941-942-943-944-945-946-947-948-949-950-951-952-953-954-955-956-957-958-959-960-961-962-963-964-965-966-967-968-969-970-971-972-973-974-975-976-977-978-979-980-981-982-983-984-985-986-987-988-989-990-991-992-993-994-995-996-997-998-999-1000

READING EAGLE

SUNDAY
MORNING
EDITION

SUNDAY, MARCH 11, 1994

Reading, Pa.

\$1.50 SINGLE COPY

Blizzard pounds region; winds, drifting forecast



James W. Watson of West Lanes drove the safety lights on his PennDOT truck while

waiting shelter under snow-covered Route 622 west of Wyomissing.

Perfect wedding almost a disaster

■ The "something borrowed" for the bride turns out to be the dancefloor of the Sheraton Berkshire, Wyomissing, after the blizzard snows a Berks couple out of their planned wedding site.

By Stephanie Ebbert

After spending a year planning the perfect wedding — for Saturday — Kathryn A. Harrington and David C. Dell of Stroudtown spent the past week hoping against hope the Weather Channel was wrong.

Instead, they have a blizzard of a story for their grandchildren. The two had planned their perfect day in what turned out to be the most

terrible day of the year in Berks County. As a result, only 60 of about 147 invited guests weathered the storm to make it. One other also turned up among the missing.

There was no photo of the bride looking anxiously down the church aisle. In fact, there wasn't even a church.

When the weather worsened and the storm began kicking up Saturday morning, the families decided to postpone the ceremony as best as possible. It from Zion Blue Mountains United Church of Christ, Stroudtown, to the Sheraton Berkshire, Wyomissing.

"I never in my wildest dreams thought I'd be walking down the dancefloor of the Sheraton," Kathryn said after the ceremony.

See Wedding, Page A1

■ Drifting snow snarls ambulances in Winador Township; power lines snapped; and road crews work 16 straight hours to clear major highways.

Press our news staff

A blinding blizzard exploded across Berks County Saturday, dumping more than a foot of whirling snow, paralyzing practically all vehicular movement, snarling major roads and generally creating a wide swath of heavy white havoc.

At the storm continued throughout the region into Saturday night. After weather meteorologists at State College compared the strong winds striking Berks at 10 p.m. Saturday, they said it to driving and mobility.

"The Great Blizzard of '94," "The Storm of the Century" and "The Winter of all Winters" by November, the storm hit Berks businesses, snarled or closed schools, toppled power lines and snarled traffic on major roads.

One of the more serious incidents occurred when three ambulances transporting five victims of a recent carbon-monoxide poisoning got stranded in heavy snow on Route 622 west of Wyomissing.

"We had some workers who were trying to leave from our office and return to Reading and they got stuck in the snow," said David C. Dell, executive director of Blue Mountains Insurance Co. Inc., located just west of Leesport.

Shopper said five female employees, four who were based in Leesport and one who was based in Reading, were stuck in the snow. They were stuck in the snow.

"They said they felt ill and were having a hard time breathing," Shopper said. "We were concerned about some oxygen and called the ambulance, which got here somewhere around 1 p.m."

Officials said workers with the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation were dispatched to help dig the ambulances out after two paramedic vehicles and a pair

INSIDE

■ Storm wrecks havoc from Florida to Maine. See Page A5

■ The blizzard snarls most businesses in the Berks County area.

■ Until Saturday, the Great Blizzard of 1999 set the standard for all storms.

See Page C1

of snow plows also got stuck in the blizzard which lasted up to 12 feet high.

More than two hours later, the Haverhill Ambulance Association vehicles were freed by state workers using plows and a pair of bulldozers. The only vehicles left stranded as of 6 p.m. were the two snow plows.

"As soon as the plows move the snow, the drifts fill in the space," said David D. Mackin, captain of the ambulance association. He said the association was having trouble getting traction because of the state of ice buried beneath the heavy snow.

As the storm intensified Saturday afternoon, Gov. Robert P. Casey declared a state of emergency by shutting Pennsylvania's National Guard and closing all interstate highways. His decree reflected similar actions in New Jersey and Delaware.

However, local officials credited most residents with using common sense for mitigating storm-related injuries by staying at home and out of the blizzard's path.

"We were lucky that this hit on a weekend and that we were well prepared for it," said John E. Lee, director of Berks County Emergency Management Agency. "There was plenty of warning that it was coming, and especially the majority of people listened and decided they'd be better off staying indoors."

Lee said his agency had set up headquarters at the Berks County Agricultural Center in Bern Township by mid-afternoon. He added that conditions also were rallying.

See Blizzard, Page A1

Weather limits today's news

Due to the unusual weather conditions Saturday, the normal flow of news from our wire services was interrupted.

Reassessment what it means to you!

Reassessment — the word alone is enough to send shivers through property owners in Berks County. But after years of tedious pleading and pinning, the reassessment of properties finally has been completed and notices of the new figures have been put into the mail.

Consequently, the new figures will come as a shock to many Berks County residents.

To put the whole process into perspective, and letting some of the many fears property owners no doubt will have, staff members of the Reading Eagle and Reading Times have prepared a three-part series of stories to explain what is going on.

Today's stories introduce and explain the basics of the reassessment project, including its general objectives, the subject of a step by step guide to reading and understanding the Reassessment notices.

There is also a quick look back at the four-year history of the project, a glossary of potentially confusing reassessment terms, and some answers to likely questions about the whole project.

The package starts on Page A12.

COMING TOMORROW

Kids into more than stamps

Youngsters are collecting things their moms and dads would never have dreamed of. Sonya K. McCollum, 7, who lives near Baiter collects monkeys and wants a live one as a family pet. Coming Monday in the Lifestyle section.

INSIDE TODAY

A rising star next in Series

The featured performer in the second Gertrude Stembergh Concert Series will be the acclaimed young soprano Stefania Pearce. Susan Peña talks with the former child prodigy and rising star. Page F1

WEATHER

TODAY: Brutal winds

Details on Page A2

INDEX

Today's edition 7 sections			
Advice	G2	Crossword	F9
Arts/Ent	A20	Daily digest	G2
Berkshire beyond	C1	Editorials	B14
Bridge	F9	Entertainment	F1
Business	B1	FYI	G6
Classified	E8	Horoscope	C4
		Leisure	F8
		Lifestyle	D1
		Lottery	A2
		Police log	C3
		Real estate	E1
		Shows of the	G2
		Sports	D1
		Travel	F10

© 1993 Reading Eagle Company. All Rights Reserved

FOR HOME DELIVERY CALL 376-0303

ADAMS EXHIBIT 2